



GOODNIGHT PUNPUN

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Part Five

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STORY THUS FAR...

Punpun Onodera has all sorts of feelings he doesn't want to deal with due to his interactions with Aiko Tanaka (the love of his life). So he decides to give his heart a little bit of distance from it all.

Two years later. Now a third-year middle school student, Punpun goes to see the results of his high school entrance exams.

CAST OF CHARACTERS



PUNPUN ONODERA

A young, choco pie-loving high school freshman. His favorite clincher move is *Gassho Hineri*.



MAMA ONODERA

Punpun's mother. When she was younger, she tried to be a spokesmodel for a cosmetics brand but didn't make it past the application stage.



YUICHI ONODERA

Mama's younger brother. Teacher at a pottery school. Currently missing.



AIKO TANAKA

The girl Punpun loved in elementary school. They have no particular relationship at the moment.



MIDORI OKUMA

Yuichi's girlfriend. Runs a coffee shop. Practically lives with Punpun.



MASUMI SEKI

Punpun's classmate. He has no plans for further education after middle school.



SHIMIZU

Punpun's classmate. He and Seki have been friends since kindergarten.



YUGAMI

The lawyer who handled Mama's divorce. A friend of Yuichi's.



TOSHIKI

A fairy who lives in town.

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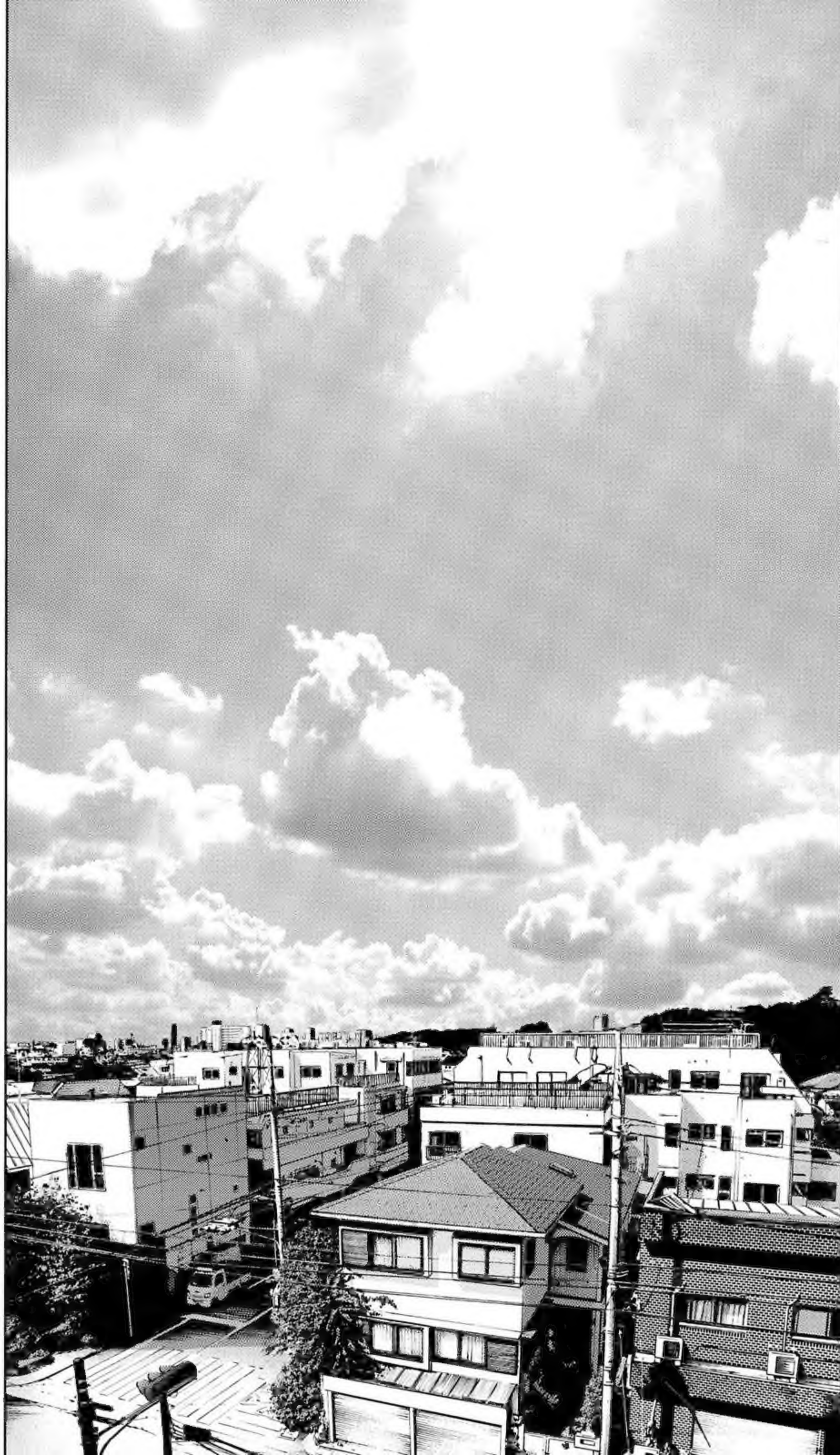
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Punpun
wasn't
particularly
excited.



Punpun
knew...

...his
achievement
was just the
inevitable
outcome of
relentlessly
studying.

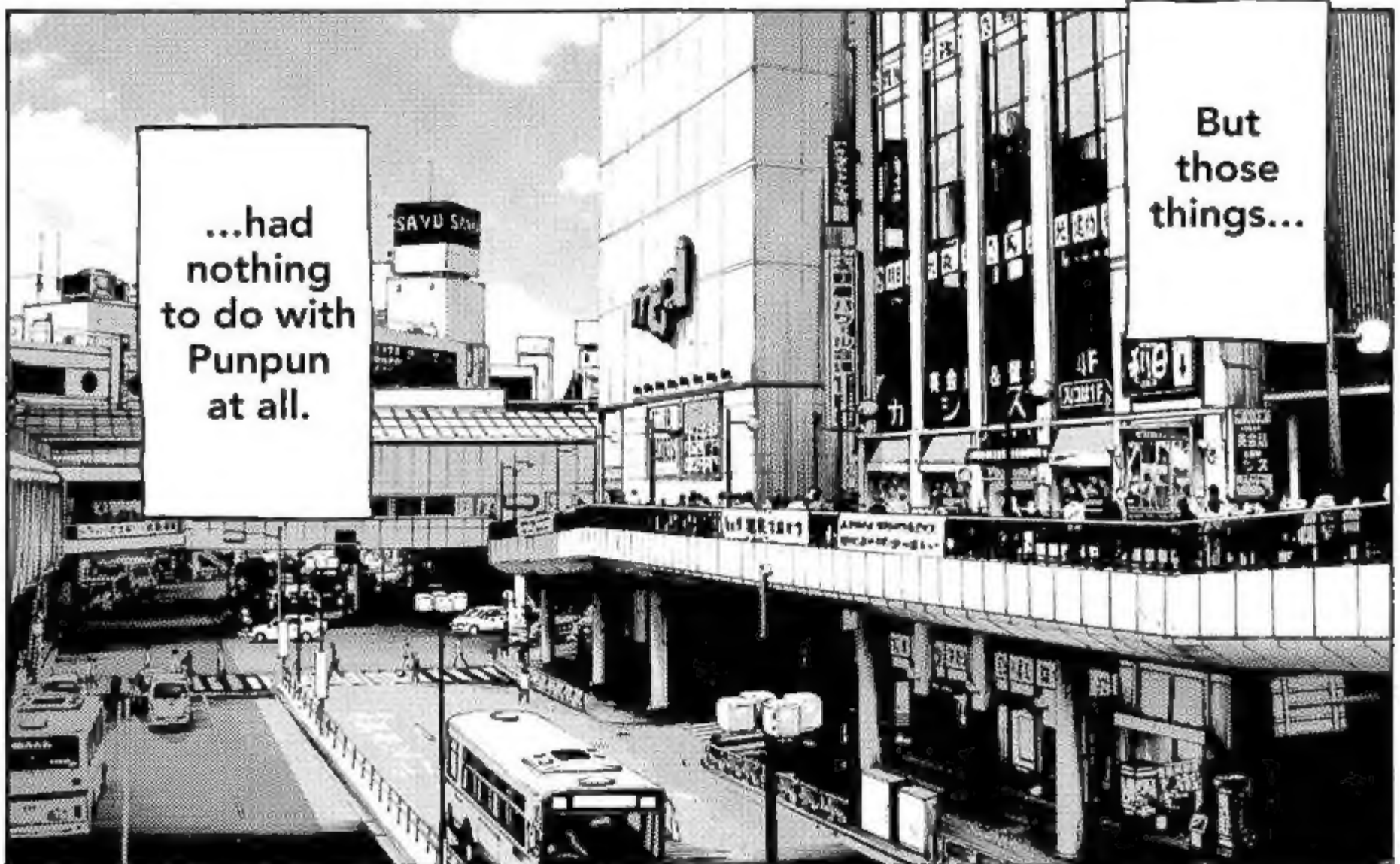
...were nothing
but equations
and English
grammar, written
in his notebook
or on the
blackboard.

His
memories
of the
last two
years...

And Kuramoto, who had hurt a teacher when he pushed him, had been arrested for arson.

...Shimonoseki, one of the top three cutest girls in his year, had been absent for a month. Rumor had it that her loser boyfriend had gotten her pregnant and she'd had an abortion.

The only other things he really remembered were that...



...had nothing to do with Punpun at all.

But those things...



...had only one thought.

Right now, Punpun...



**"I want
to have
sex."**



**Actually,
was going
to be
deliberately
vulgar
with that
announce-
ment.**

**"I
want to
fuck."**



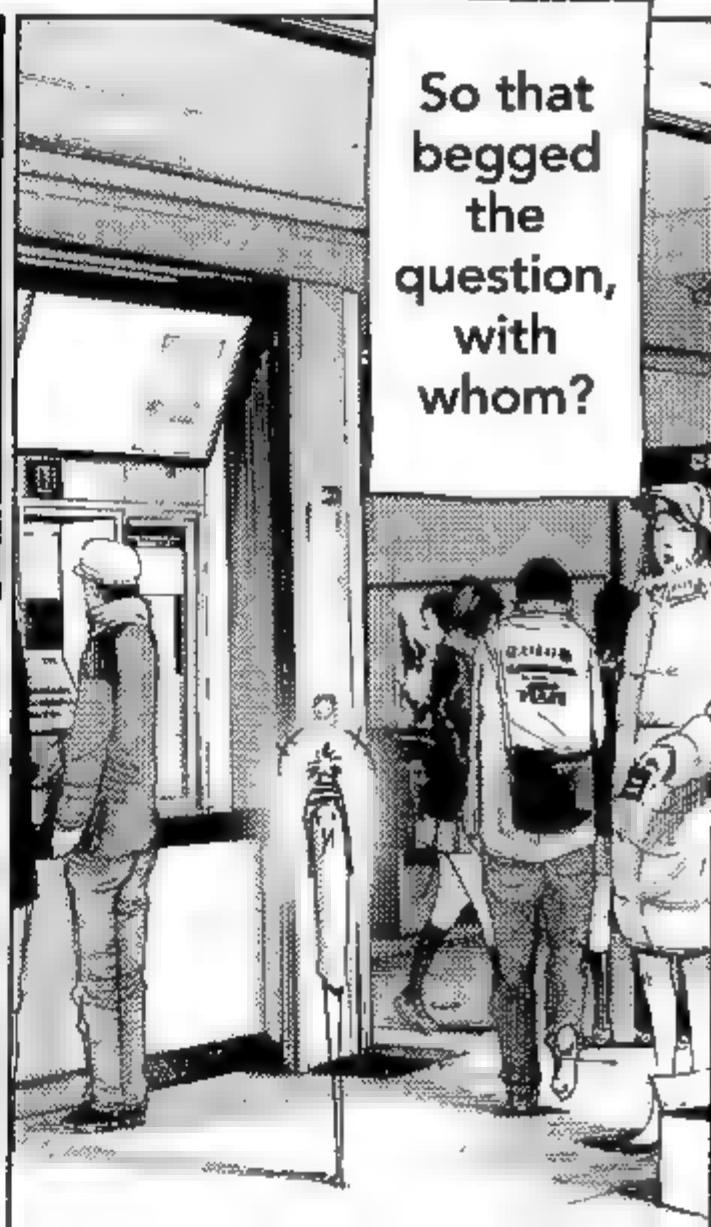
I Said
I want
to fuck!

...and
frankly,
Punpun
was a little
sick of it.

Because of
the springlike
weather, the
whole town
seemed to
be in a good
mood...

So that
begged
the
question,
with
whom?

Essentially
and
consistently,
Punpun...



...felt
like
he was
hollow
inside.

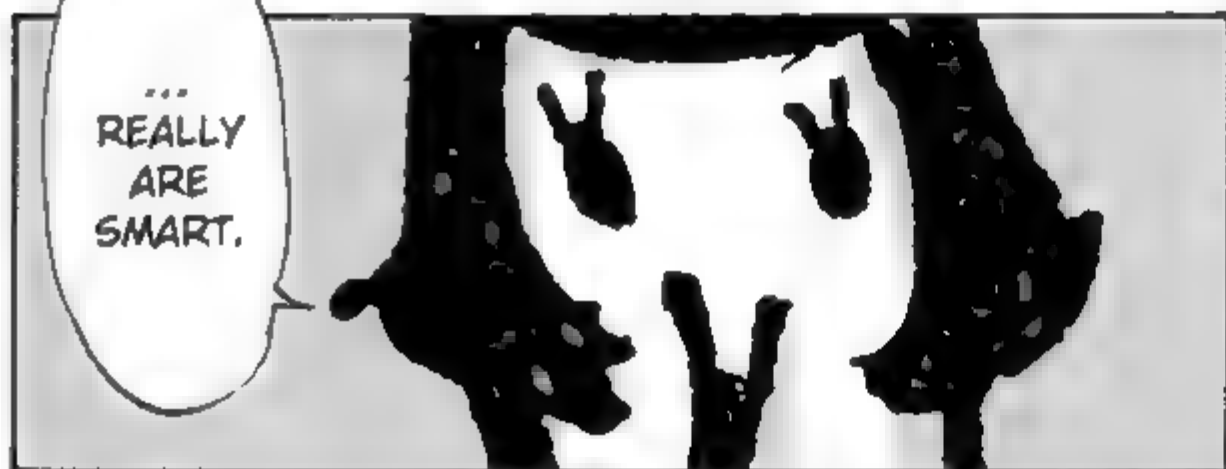




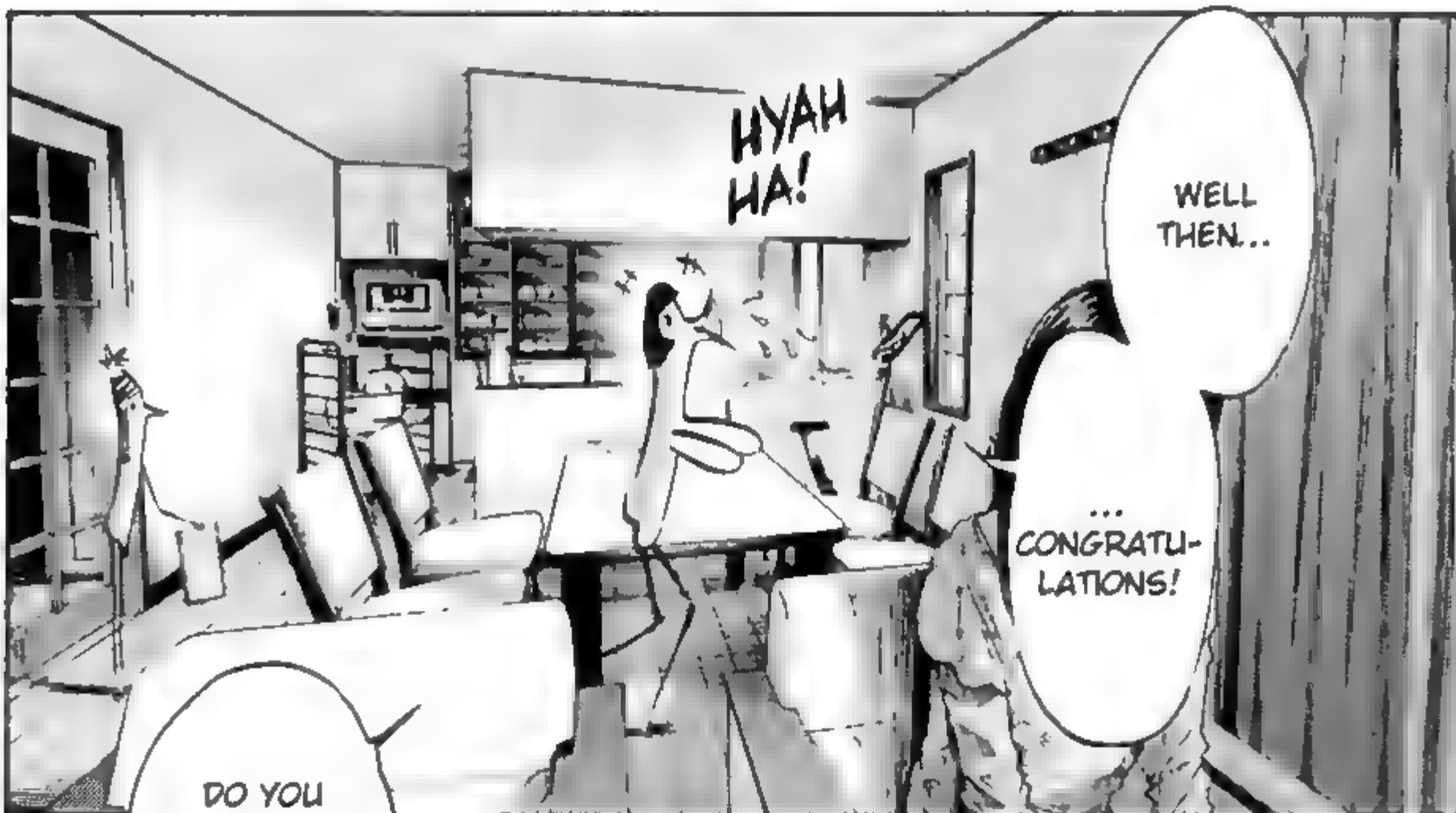
YOU...

...SO
YOU
GOT
IN.

HMMM
...



...
REALLY
ARE
SMART.



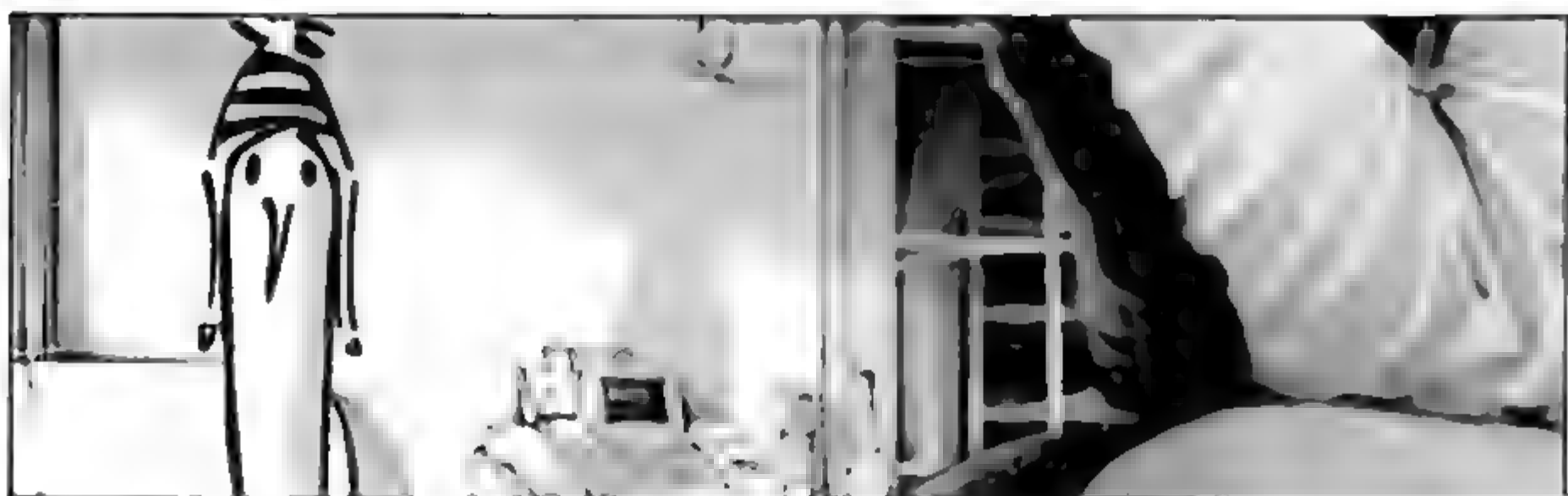
HYAH
HA!

WELL
THEN...

...
CONGRATU-
LATIONS!

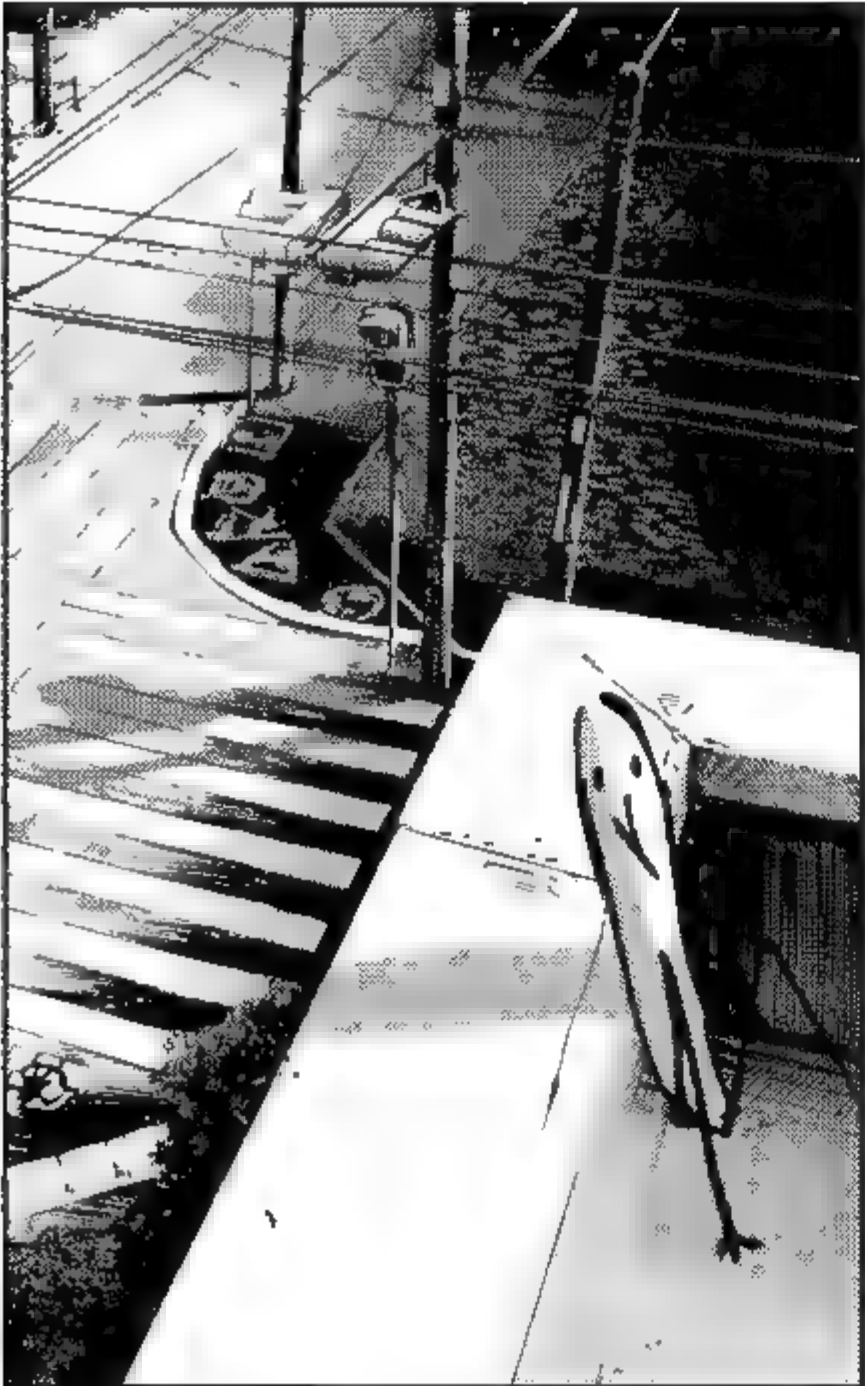
DO YOU
WANT TO
GO DEVOUR
SOME NOT-
REVOLTING
SUSHI?



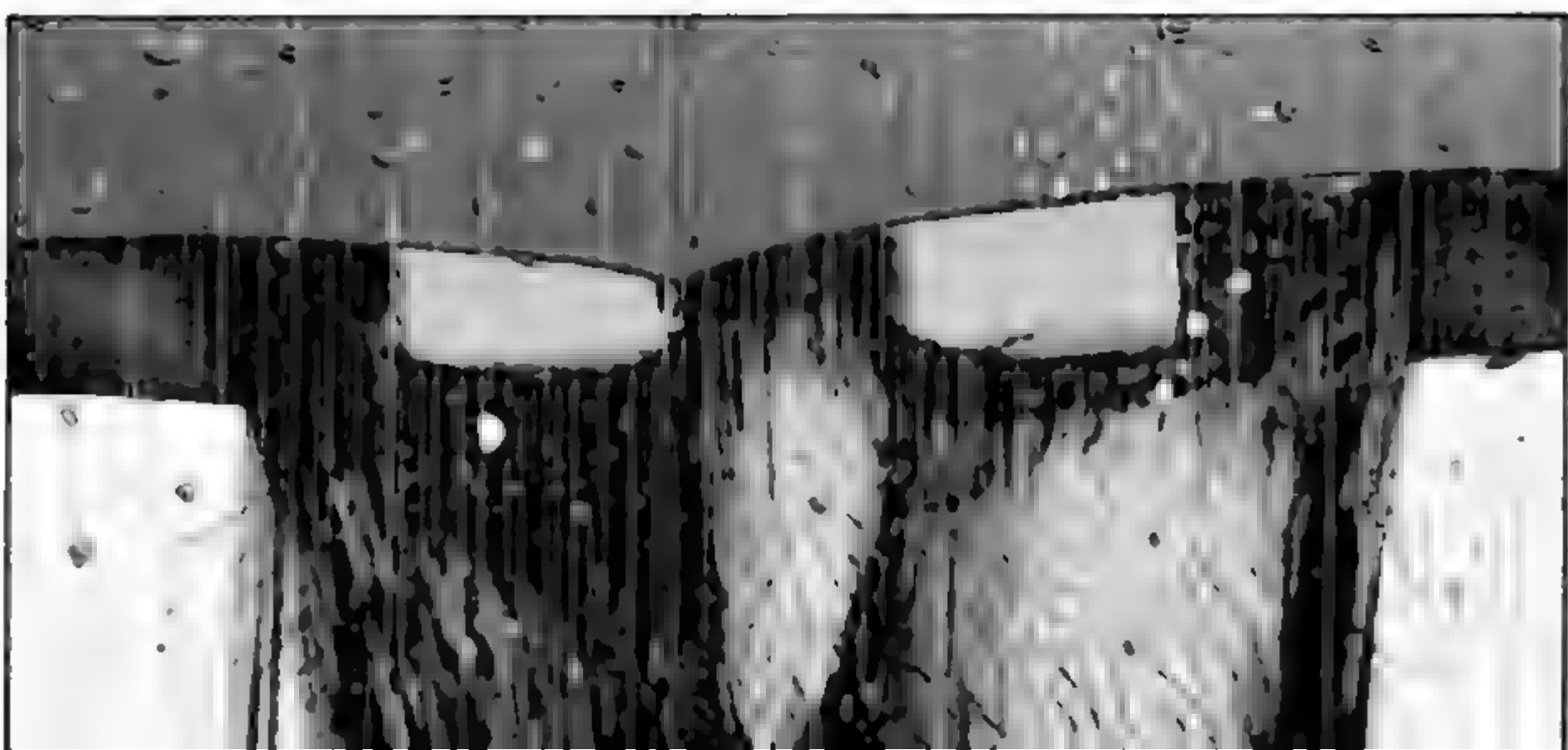




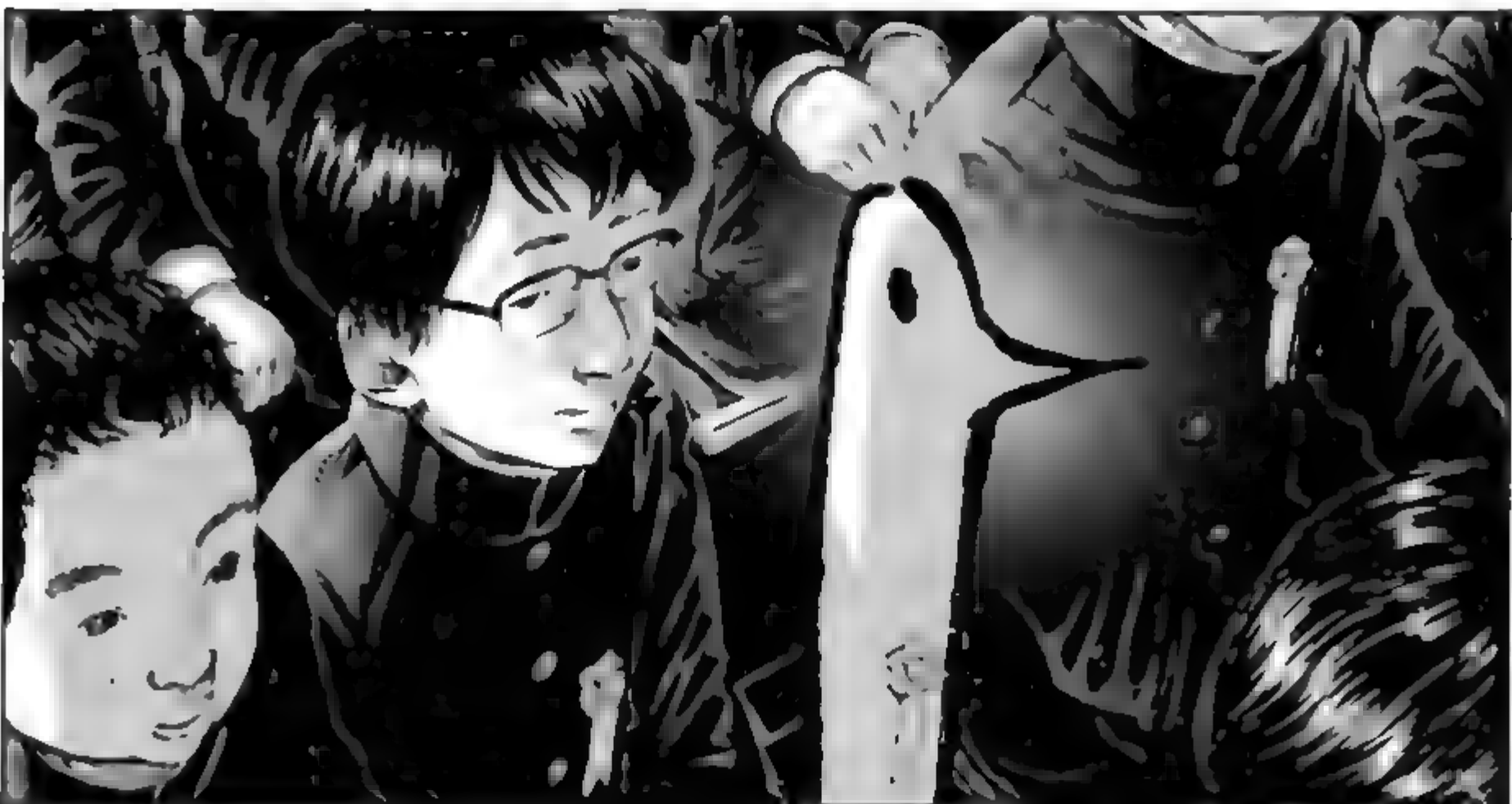




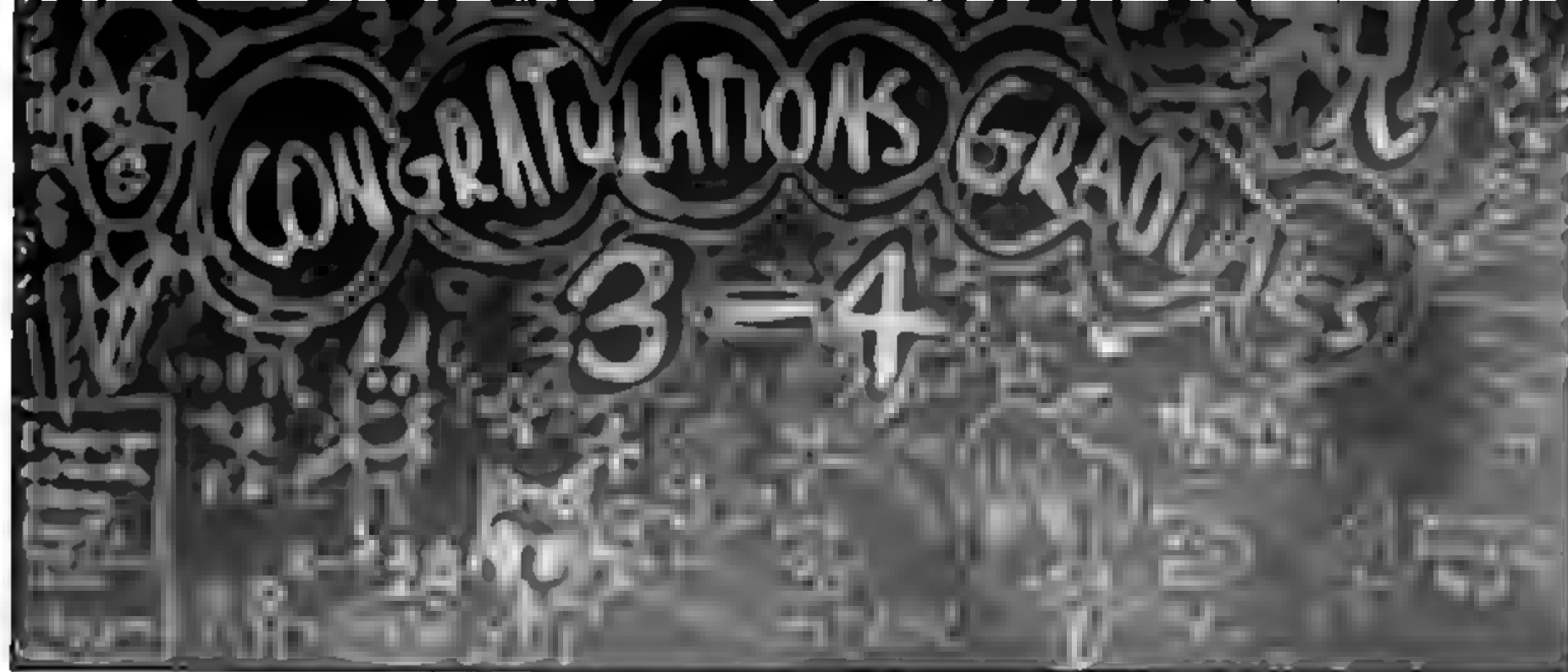






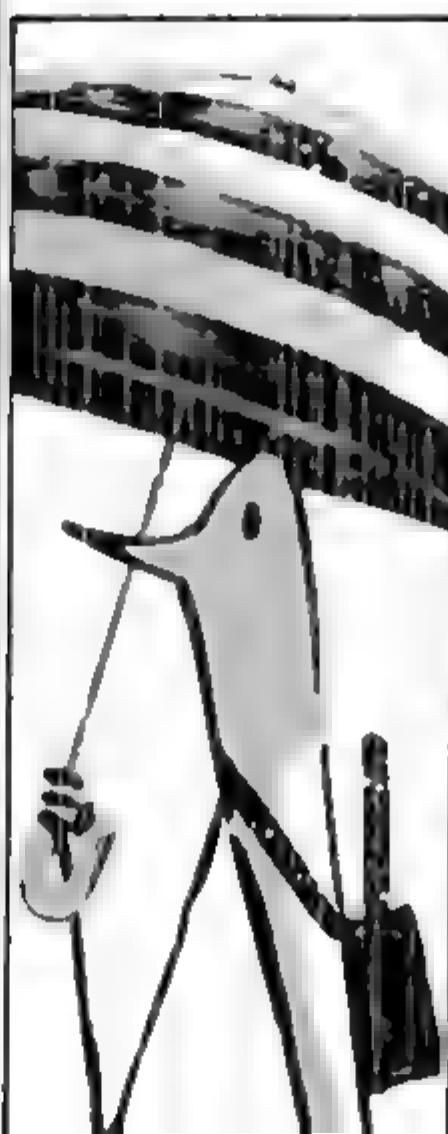


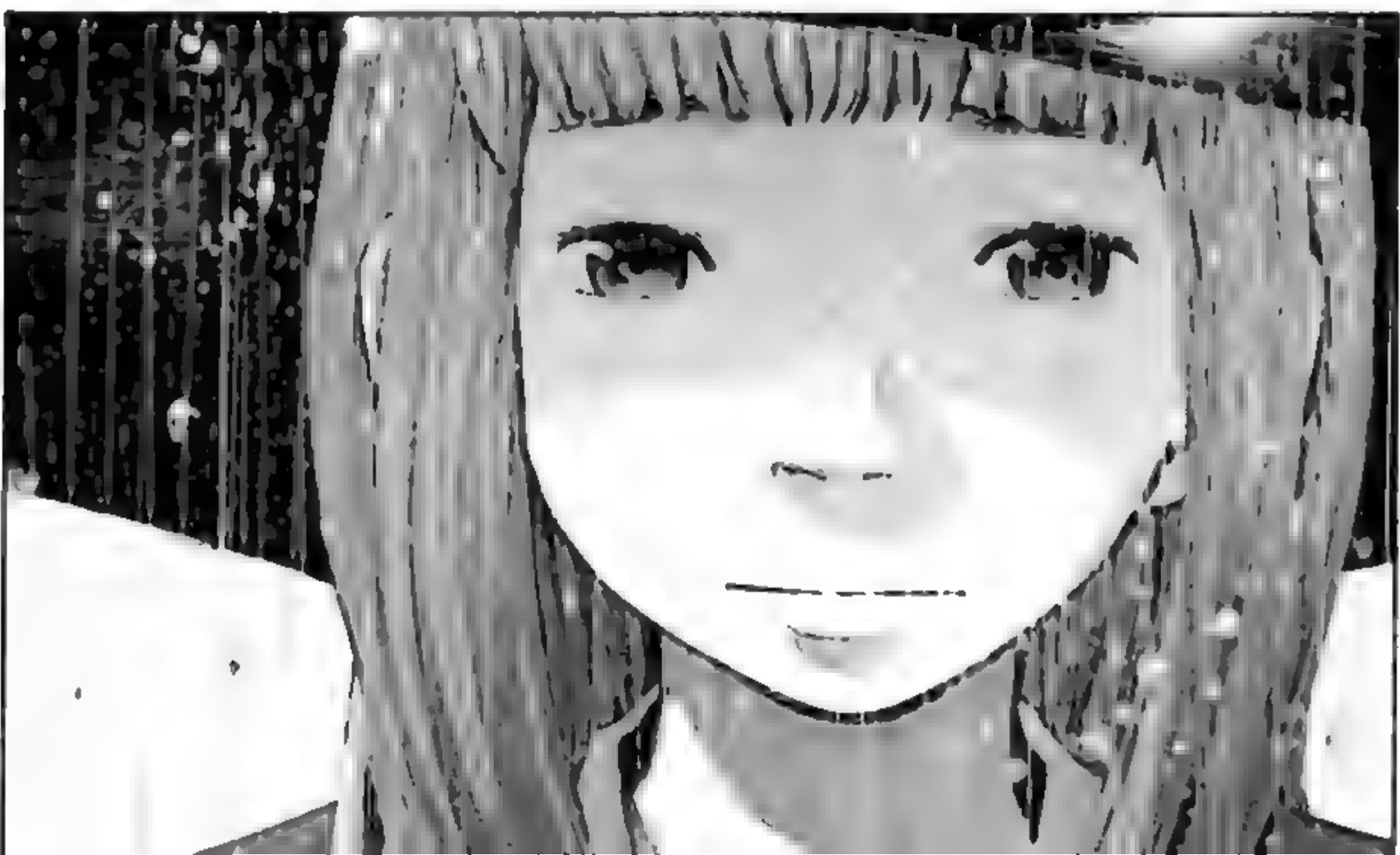
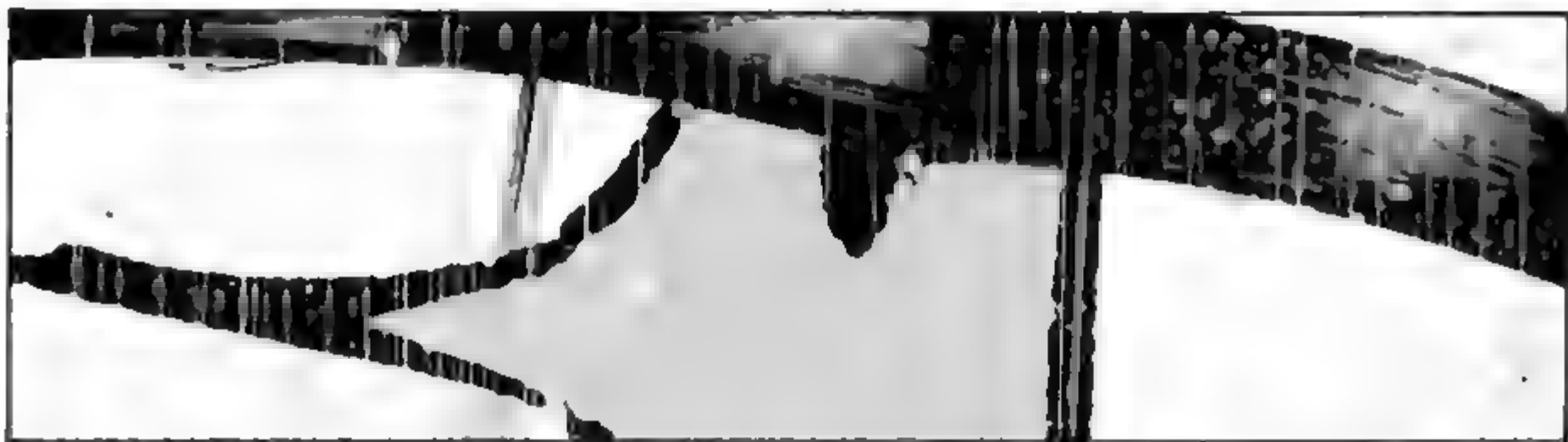
Punpun
didn't feel
particularly
moved.

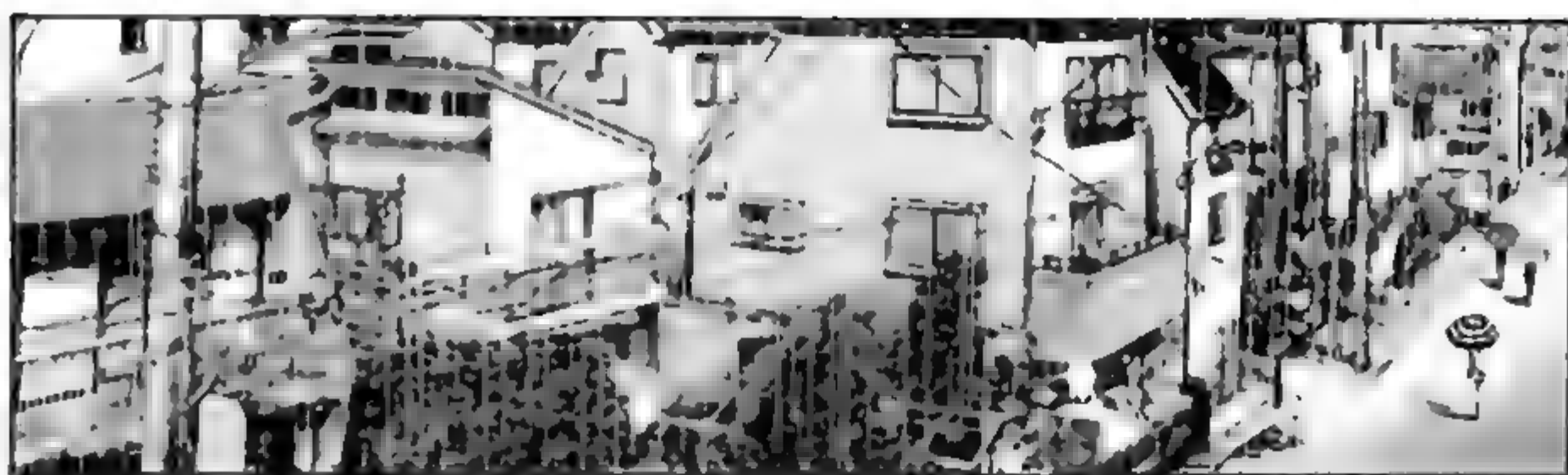


He
had no
regrets.











HI
PUNDUN

OH



STAY
AND RELAX.
I HAVE
CHOCOLATE
CAKE.

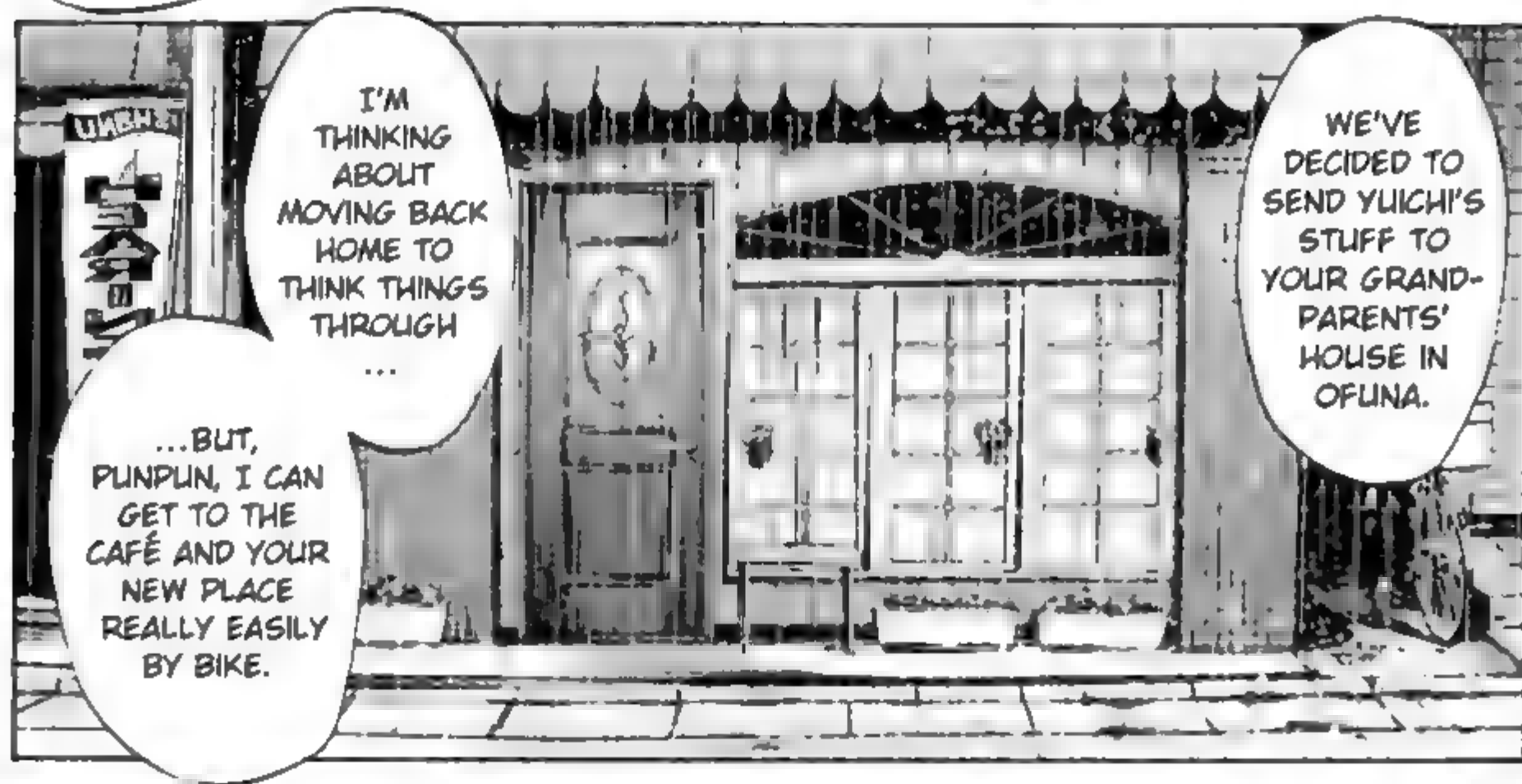
GRADUATION
CEREMONY
OVER?



IT
WENT
BY IN A
FLASH

CONGRAT-
ULATIONS.

DIDN'T
IT?





IT'S
NOT...



...DISTANCE,
YOU
KNOW.

...IT'S
NOT A
MATTER
OF...



KACHAK



SORRY.



I'M
SORRY,
I...



PLEASE
HAVE
A SEAT
WHEREVER
YOU LIKE.

OH,
YES!

THANK
YOU FOR
COMING.



UHM...

WE READ
ABOUT THIS
PLACE IN A
MAGAZINE
...



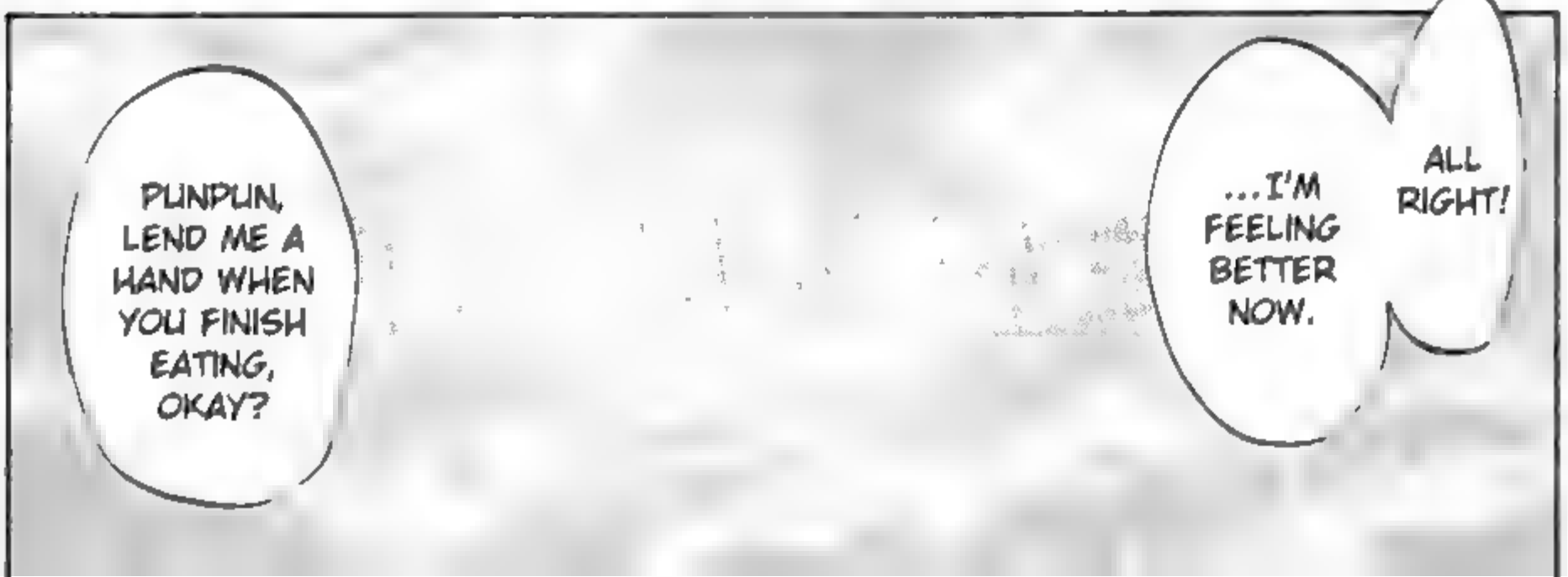
NO
POINT...

...FEELING
DOWN.



THIS IS
MY DREAM
FINALLY
COME TRUE.

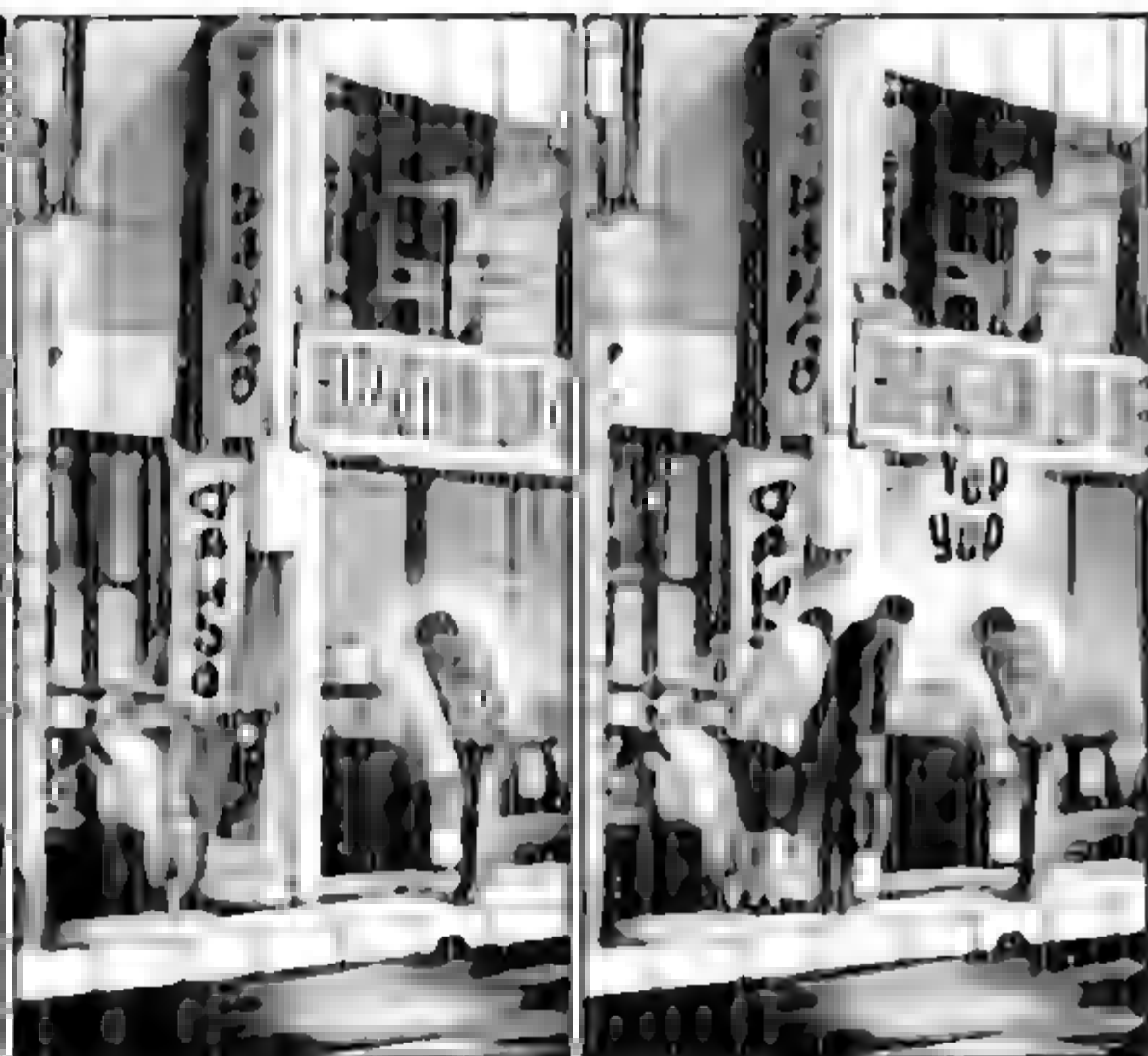
I
HAVE TO
WORK
HARD
RIGHT
NOW.

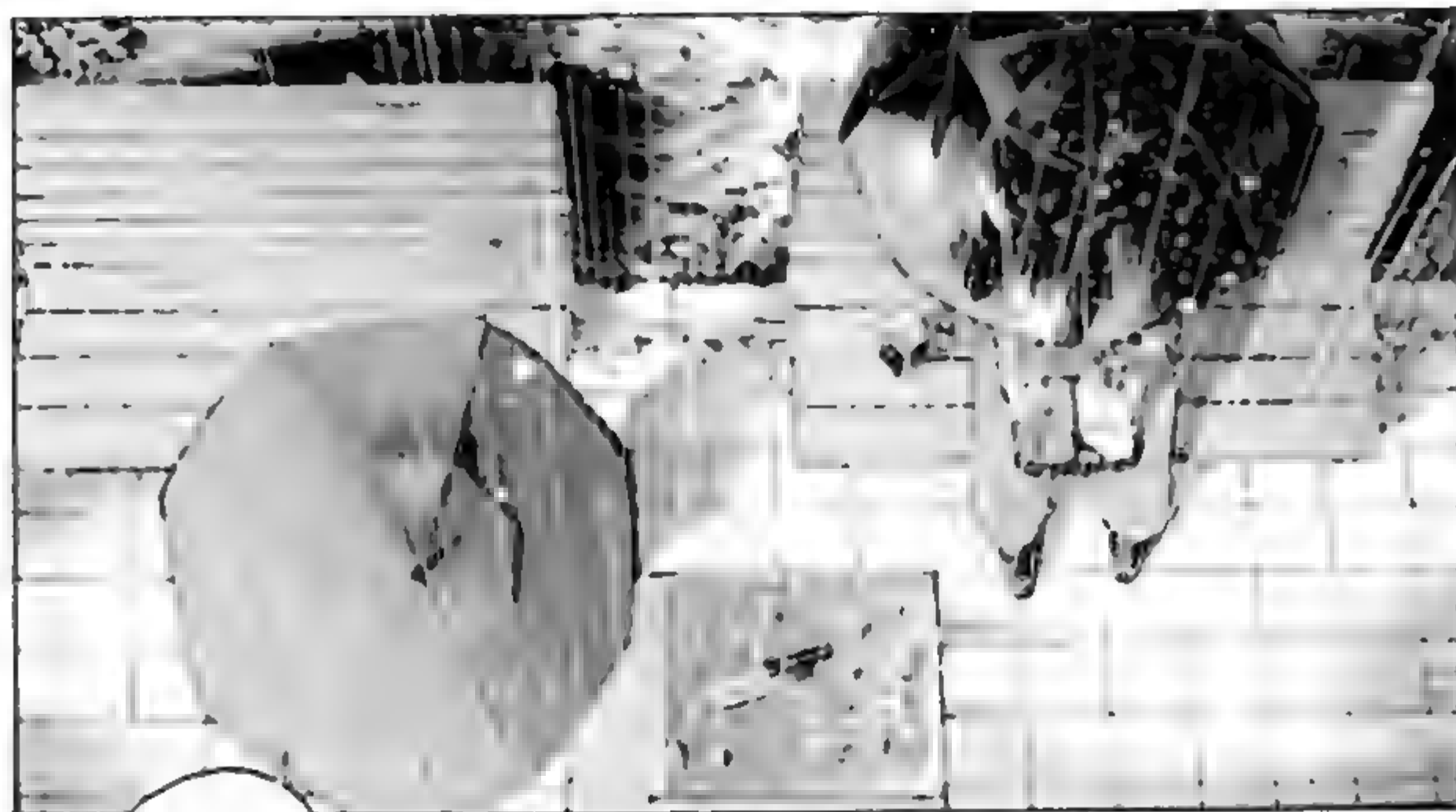
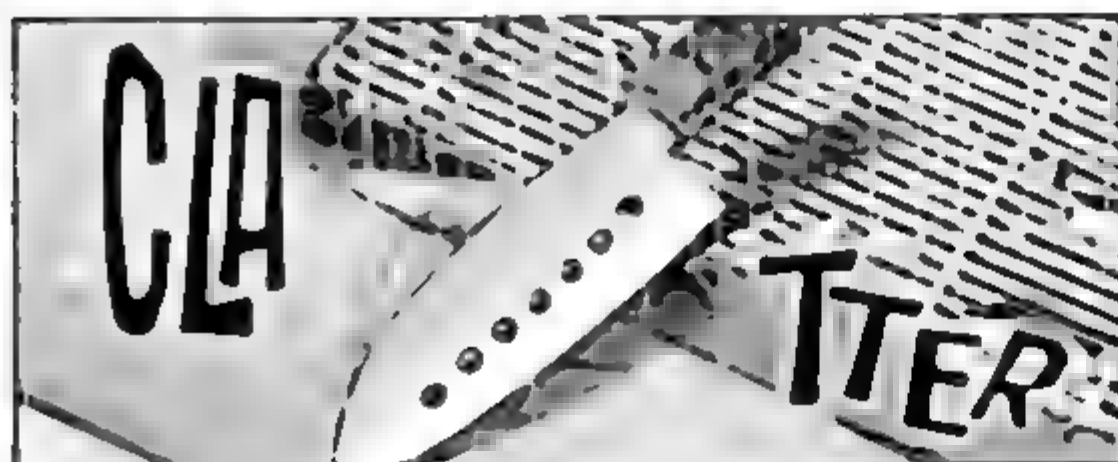


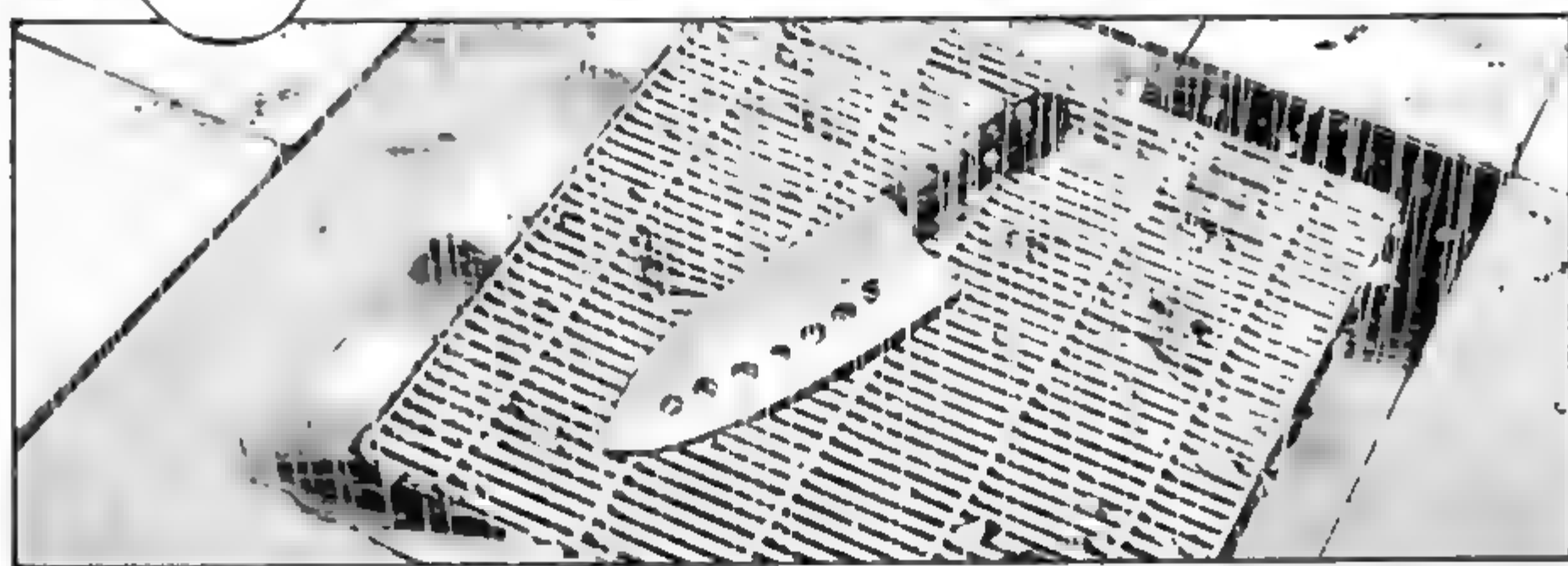
PUNPUN,
LEND ME A
HAND WHEN
YOU FINISH
EATING,
OKAY?

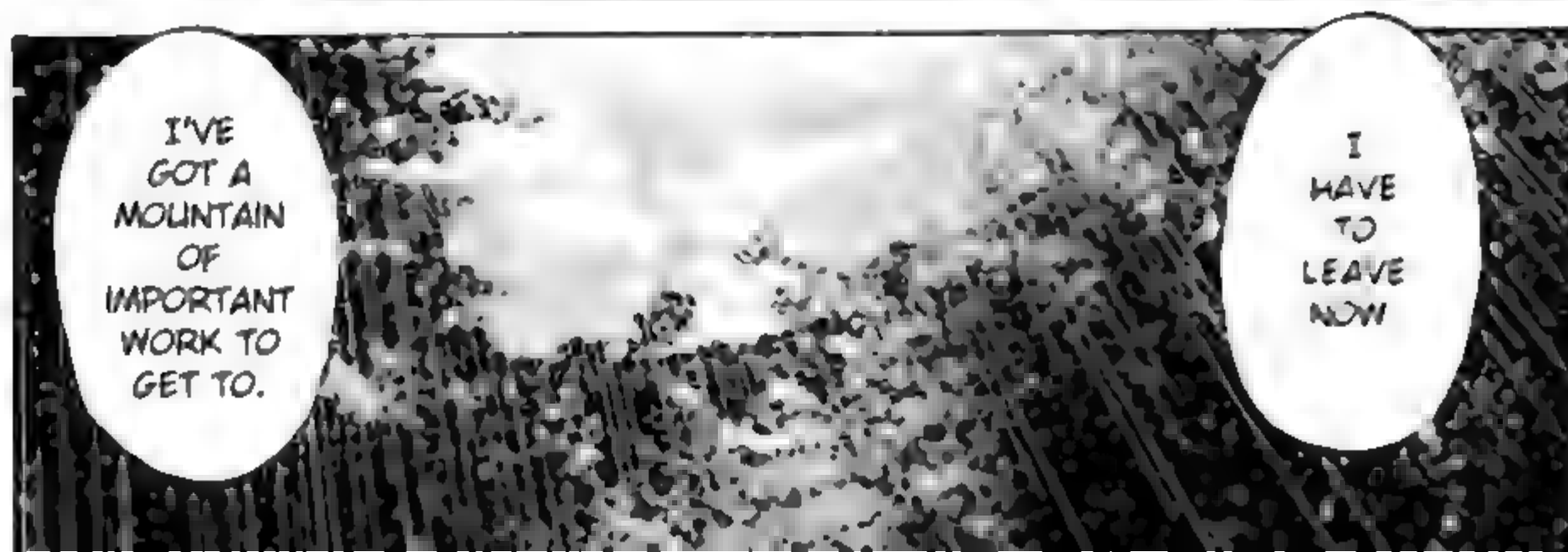
...I'M
FEELING
BETTER
NOW.

ALL
RIGHT!









OH,
THE RAIN
STOPPED!

LOOK,
PUNPUN
...

LOOK HOW
GORGEOUS
THE STARS
ARE.

...was
how bad
his eye-
sight had
gotten
in the
last two
years.

...the
only thing
Punpun
was
thinking
about...

Frankly...

'CAUSE
AS LONG
AS I'M
LOOKING
AT
THEM...

BUT
EVEN
NOW, I
LOVE
LOOKING
AT THE
STARS.

WHAT
A GEEK,
RIGHT?

YOU
KNOW,
WHEN I
WAS IN
MIDDLE
SCHOOL, I
WAS IN THE
ASTRONOMY
CLUB.

But
his heart
chafed with
irritation that
he couldn't
find the
words to
comfort
Midori.

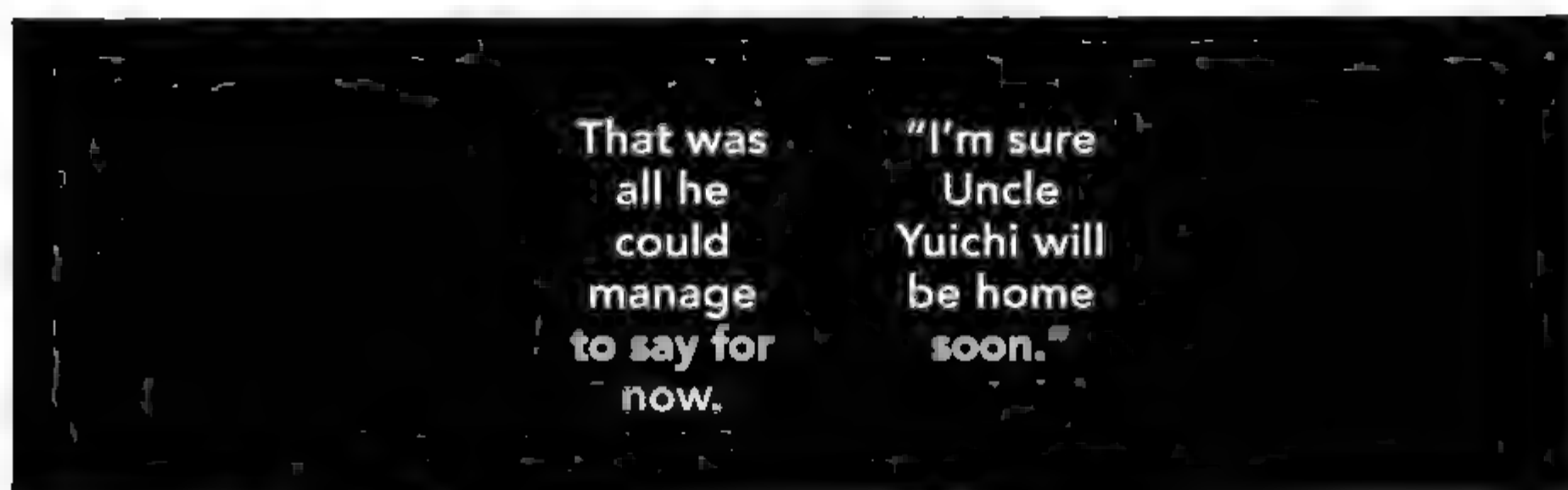
...
REALITY
JUST
FADES
AWAY.





Punpun
didn't know
exactly
why Uncle
Yuichi had
stopped
coming
home...

...but he
could tell it
wasn't for
any good
reason.



That was
all he
could
manage
to say for
now.

"I'm sure
Uncle
Yuichi will
be home
soon."



YEAH
...
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

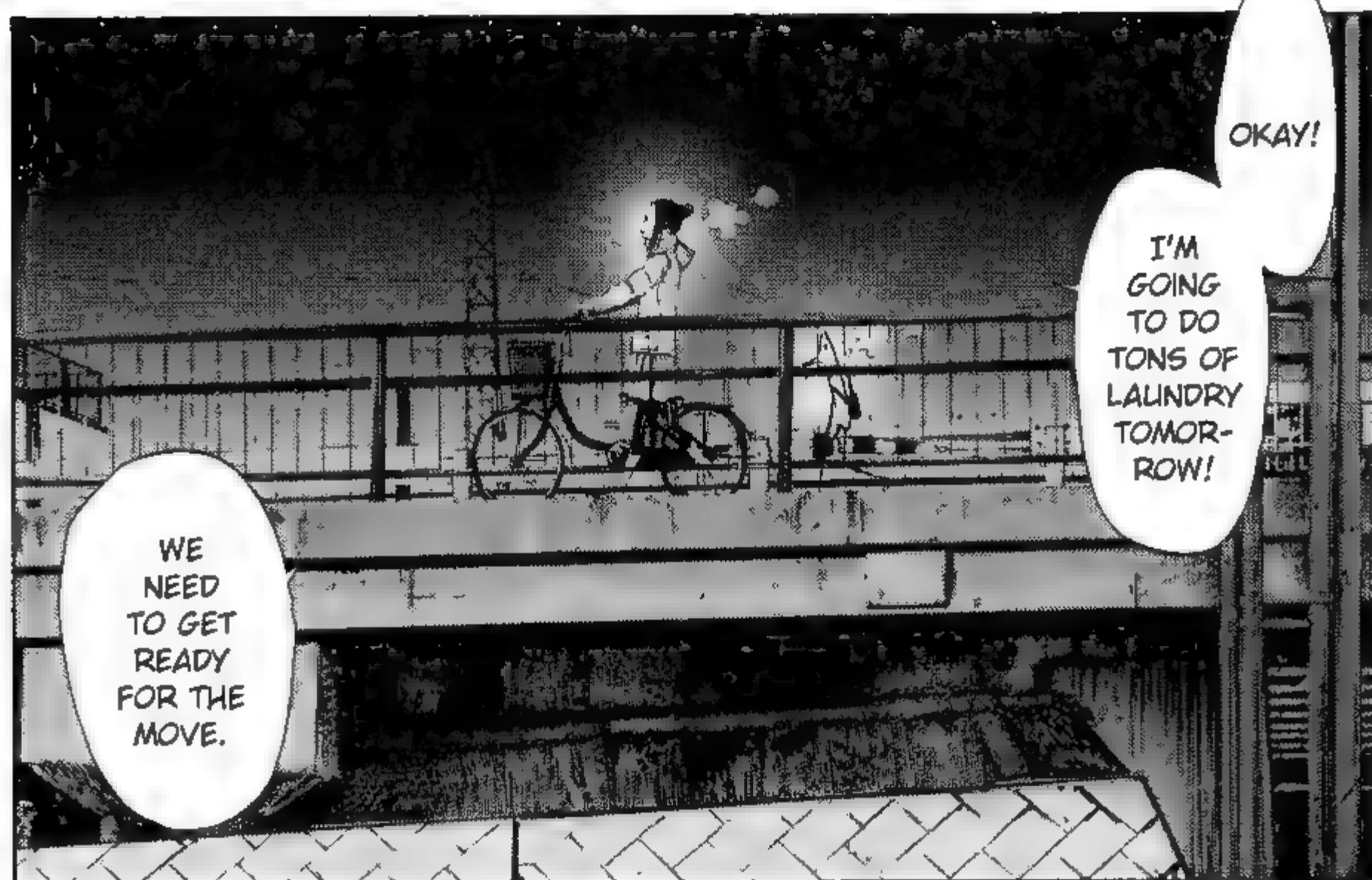
THANK
YOU.





"...and
pretending
not to know
was mature..."

"If pretending
to know
everything
was childish..."



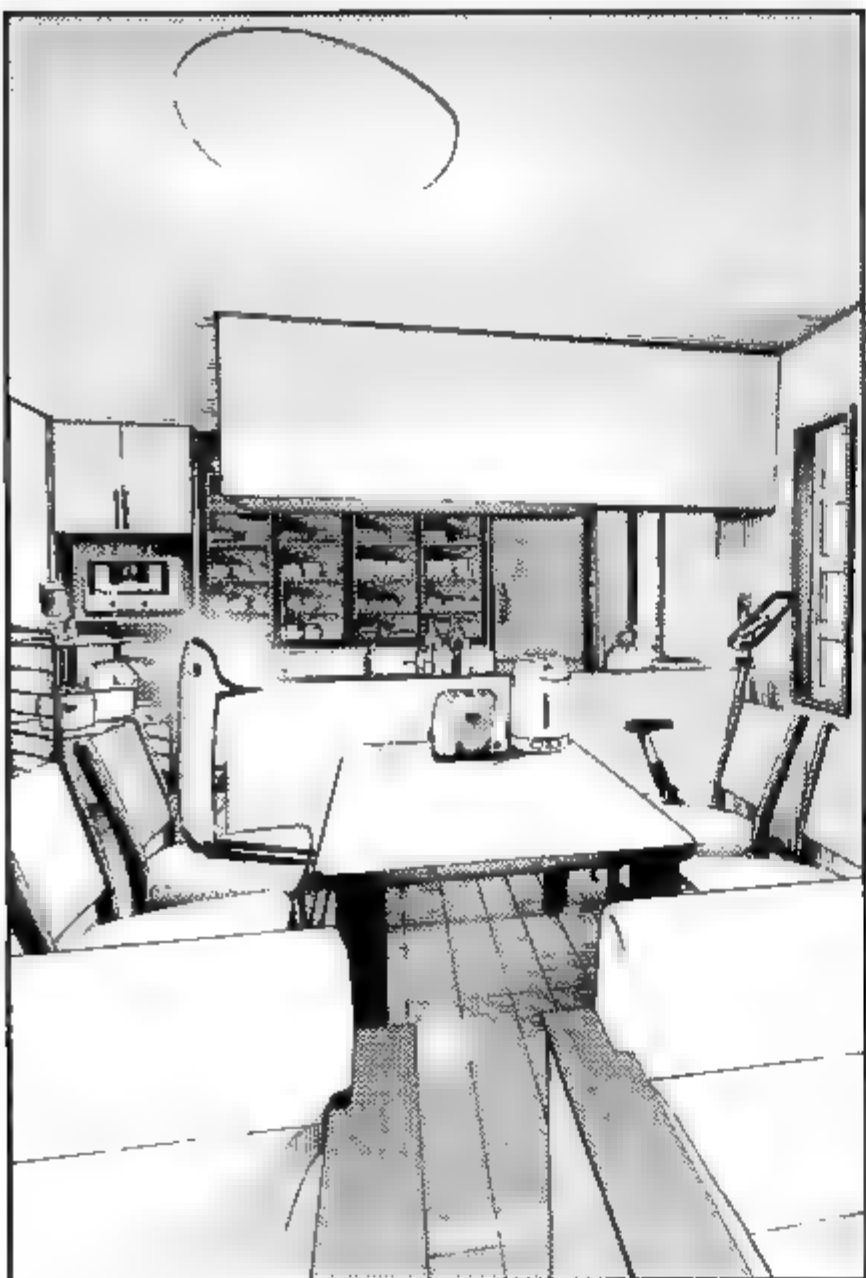
WE
NEED
TO GET
READY
FOR THE
MOVE.

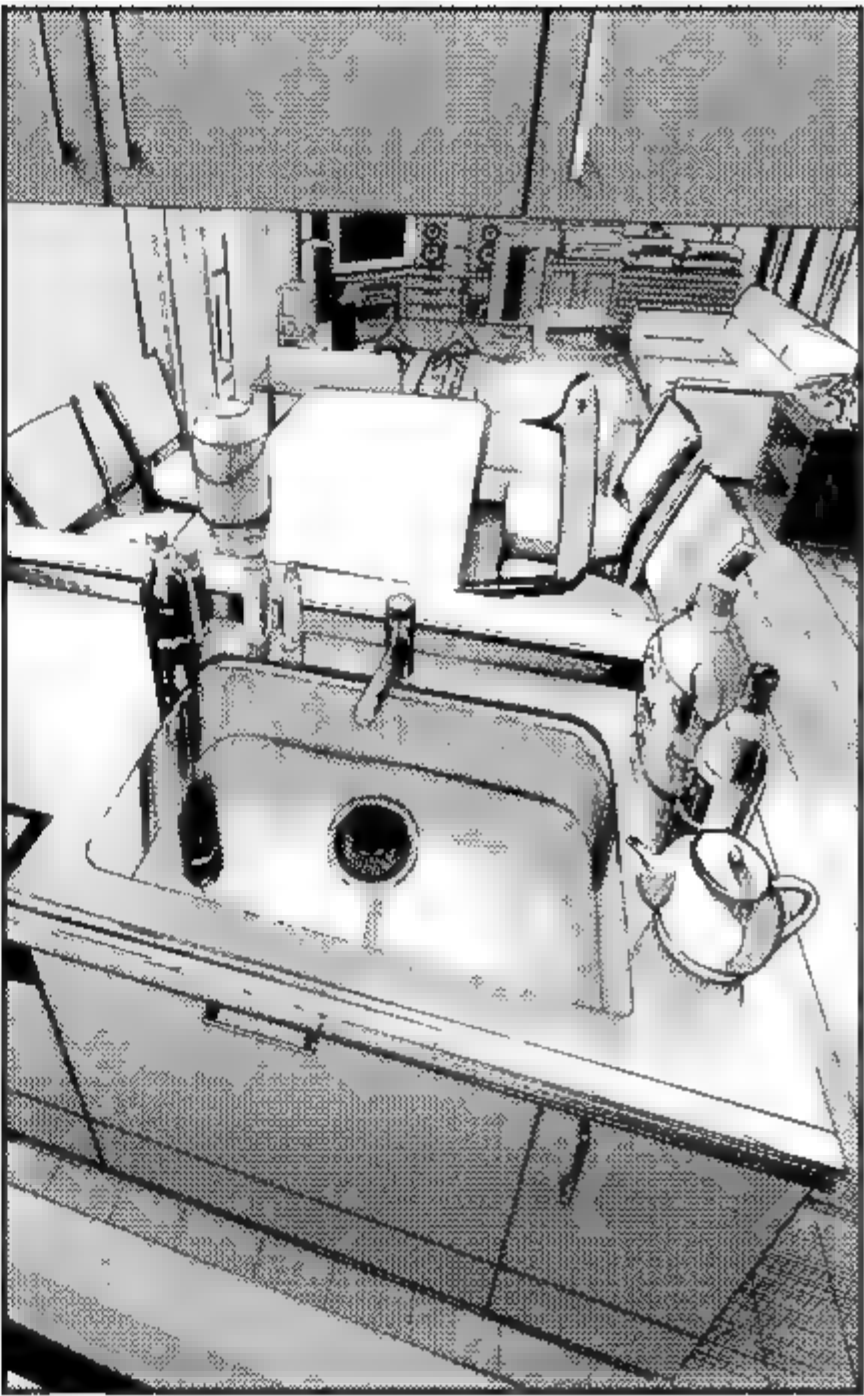
OKAY!

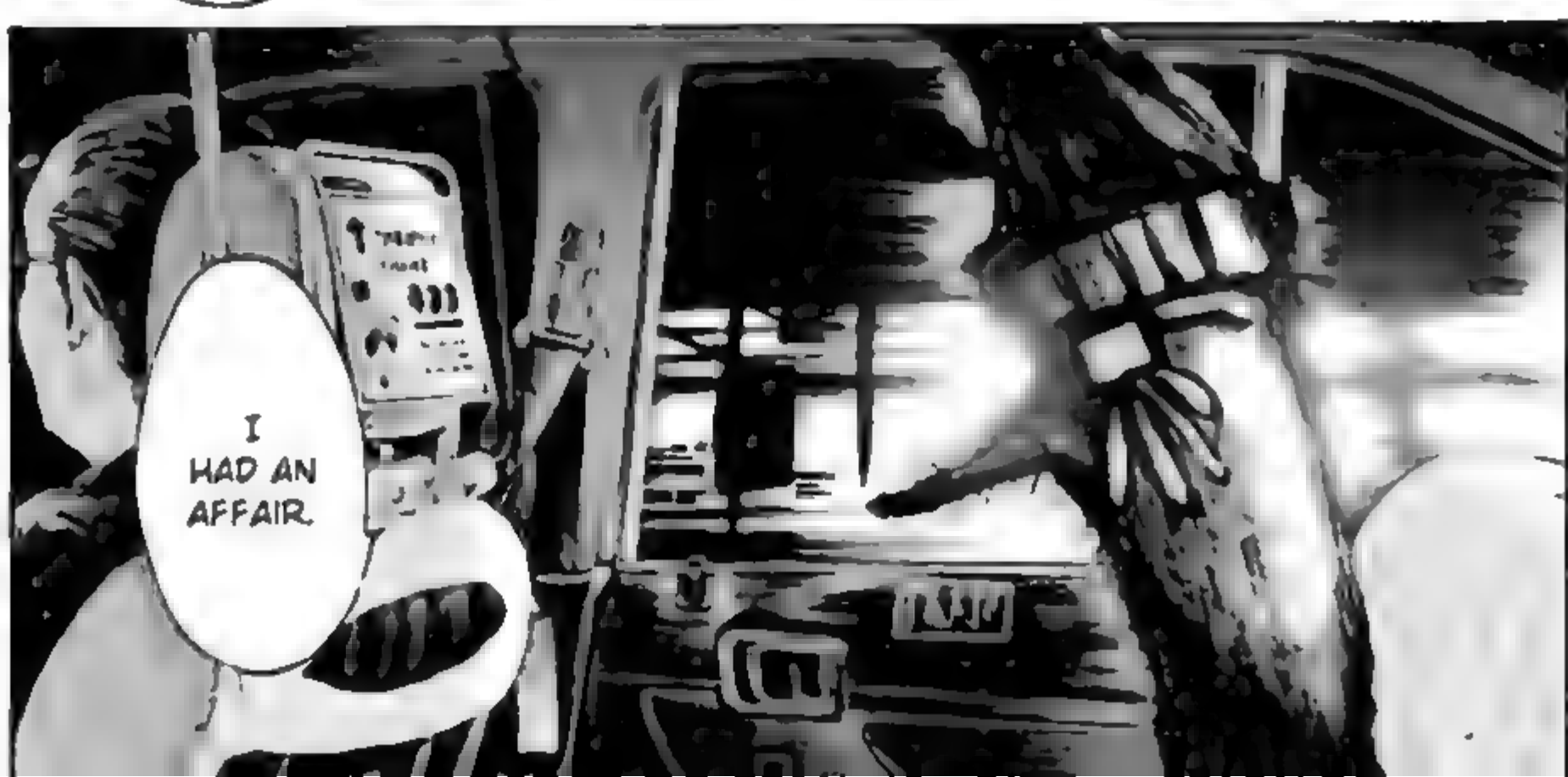
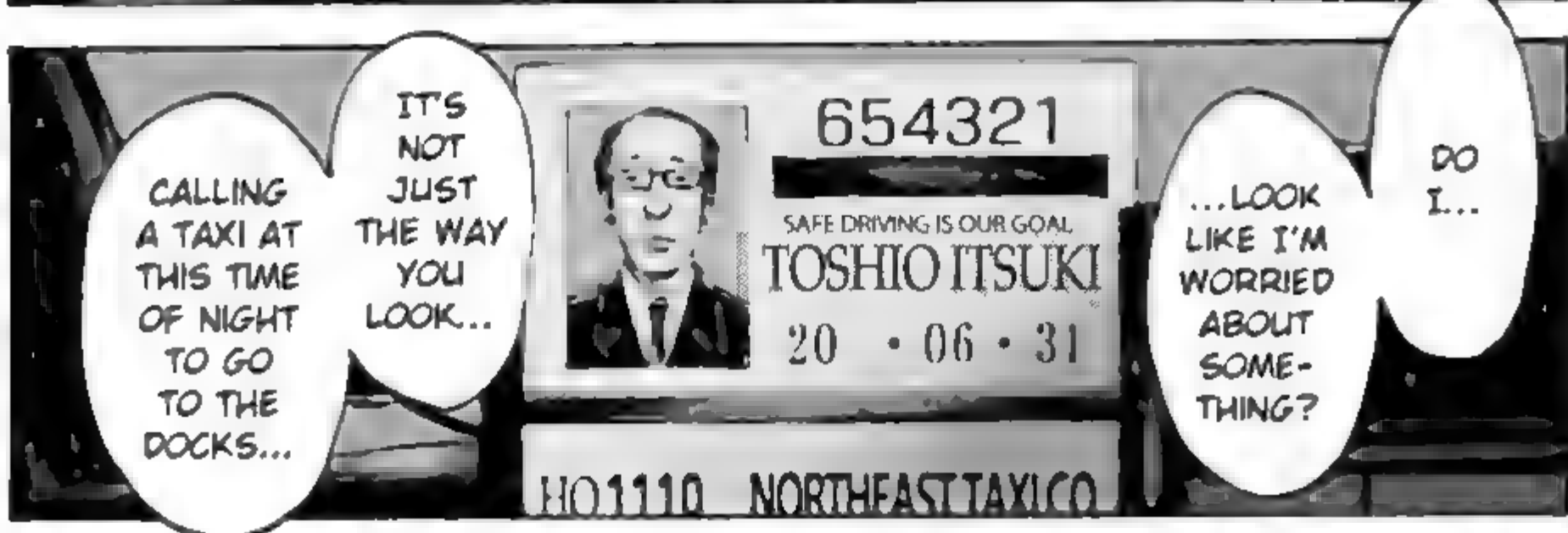
I'M
GOING
TO DO
TONS OF
LAUNDRY
TOMOR-
ROW!

...thought
Punpun.

"...then I
must still be
a child..."











NO, WAIT!
MAYBE MY
CONTROLLER
IS CURSED!

OR DID
YOU DO
SOMETHING
TO MY
CONTROLLER?

YOU'RE
A LITTLE
TOO
GOOD
AT
THIS...

HEY,
PUN-
PUN...



SHE WAS
IN HER
THIRTIES,
MARRIED,
AND COMING
TO MY
POTTERY
CLASS.



NO, I'M
NOT TEN
YEARS
TOO LATE
TO TAKE
YOU ON!

WHAT
A SASS-
MOUTH!

LET'S
GO
AGAIN.



HE'S
SAYING HE
SUFFERED
EMOTIONAL
DISTRESS...

HER
HUSBAND
FOUND OUT
ABOUT IT,
AND NOW
THEY'RE
GETTING A
DIVORCE.

...AND HE'S
DEMANDING
\$200,000 IN
DAMAGES.



I WAS IN A
COMMITTED
RELATIONSHIP,
AND I WAS
CONVINCED I'D
NEVER STRAY.

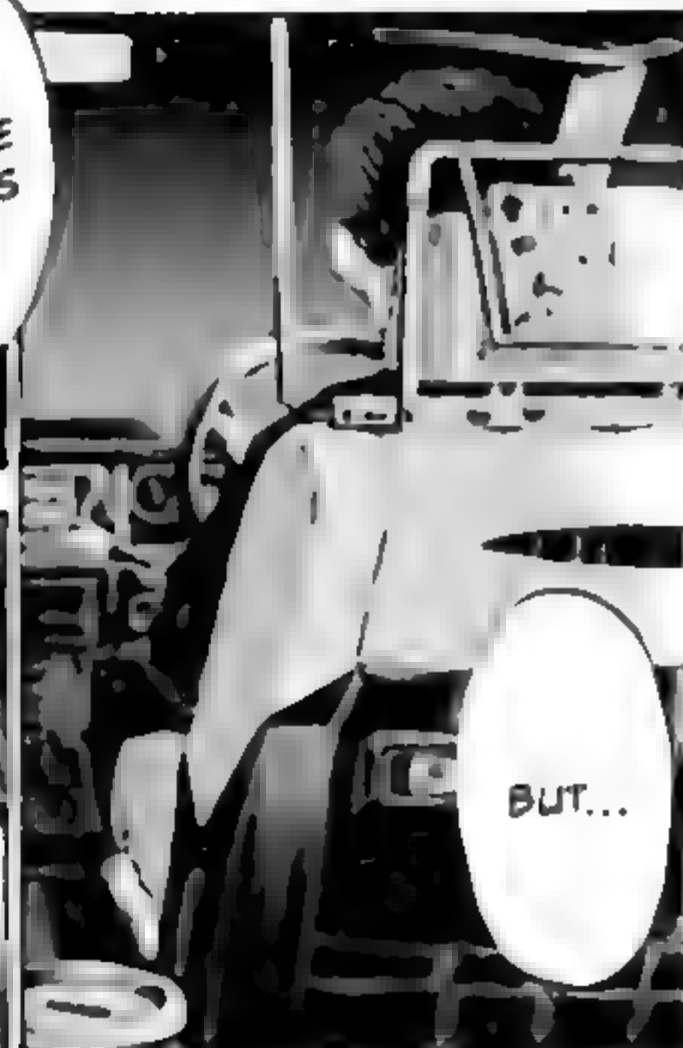
...BUT I
OVERESTI-
MATED THE
STRENGTH
OF MY
MORAL
FIBER.

IT'S
NOT AN
EXCUSE
...



...A
FREAK
IN THE
SHEETS,
WASN'T
SHE?

SHE
WAS
...



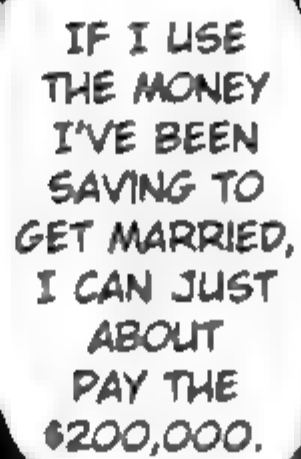
BUT...



**SHE
WAS
SCARY
FREAKY!**



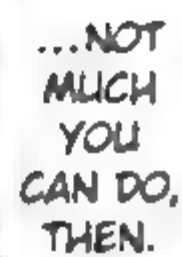
BUT NOW
MY SISTER'S
SAYING SHE'LL
SELL HER
HOUSE AND
LEND ME THE
MONEY.



IF I USE
THE MONEY
I'VE BEEN
SAVING TO
GET MARRIED,
I CAN JUST
ABOUT
PAY THE
\$200,000.



WELL...



...NOT
MUCH
YOU
CAN DO,
THEN.



WHAT
A NICE
SISTER.



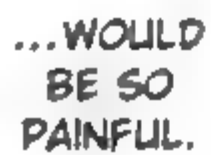
SHE'S
SPONTA-
NEOUS
AND RUDE
AND...



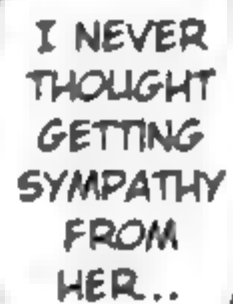
...FREE.



I'VE
ALWAYS
LOOKED
DOWN ON
HER.

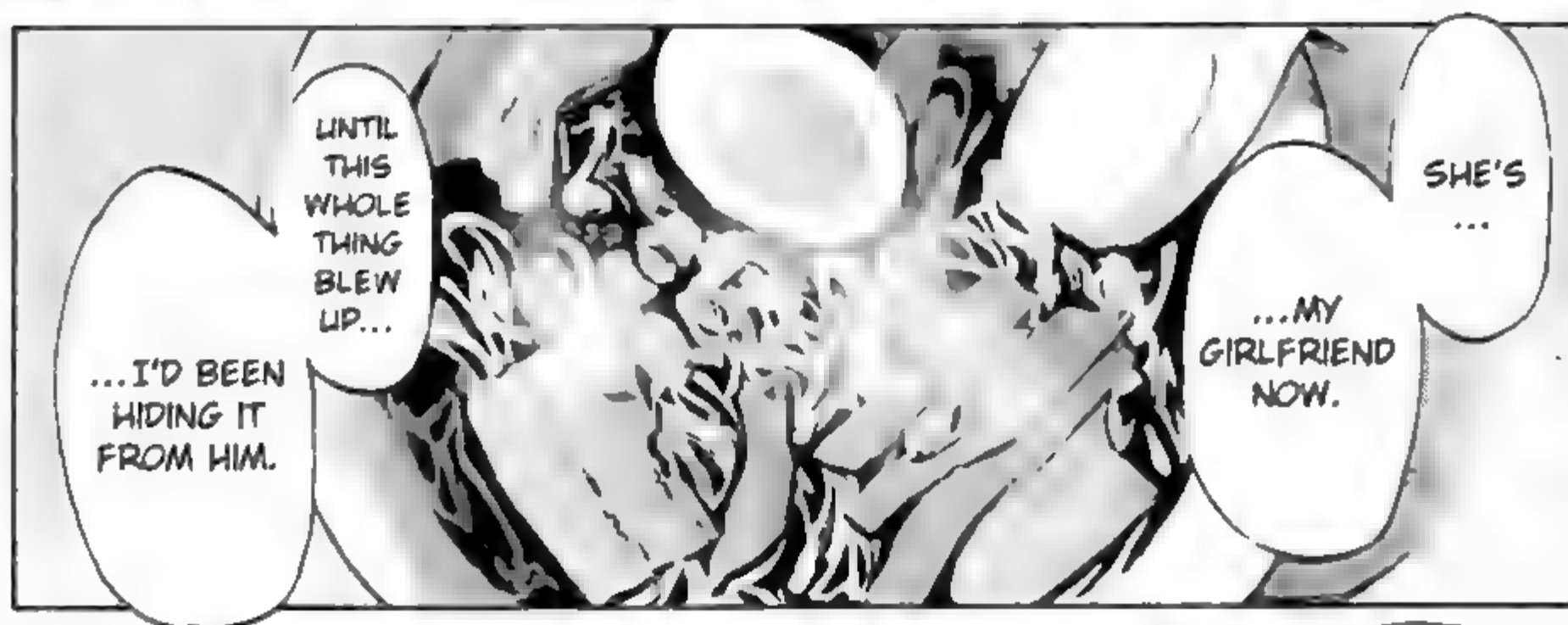
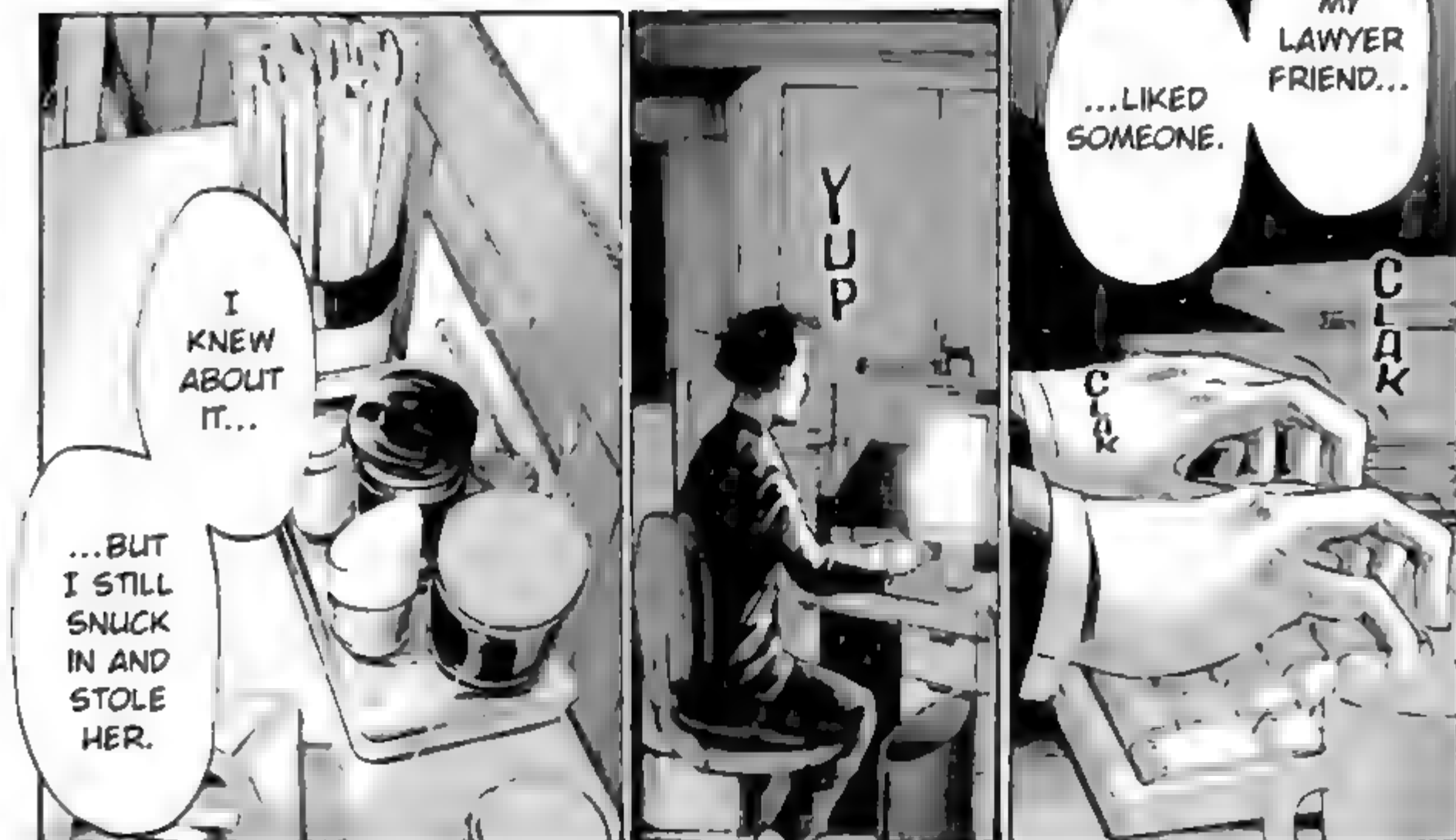


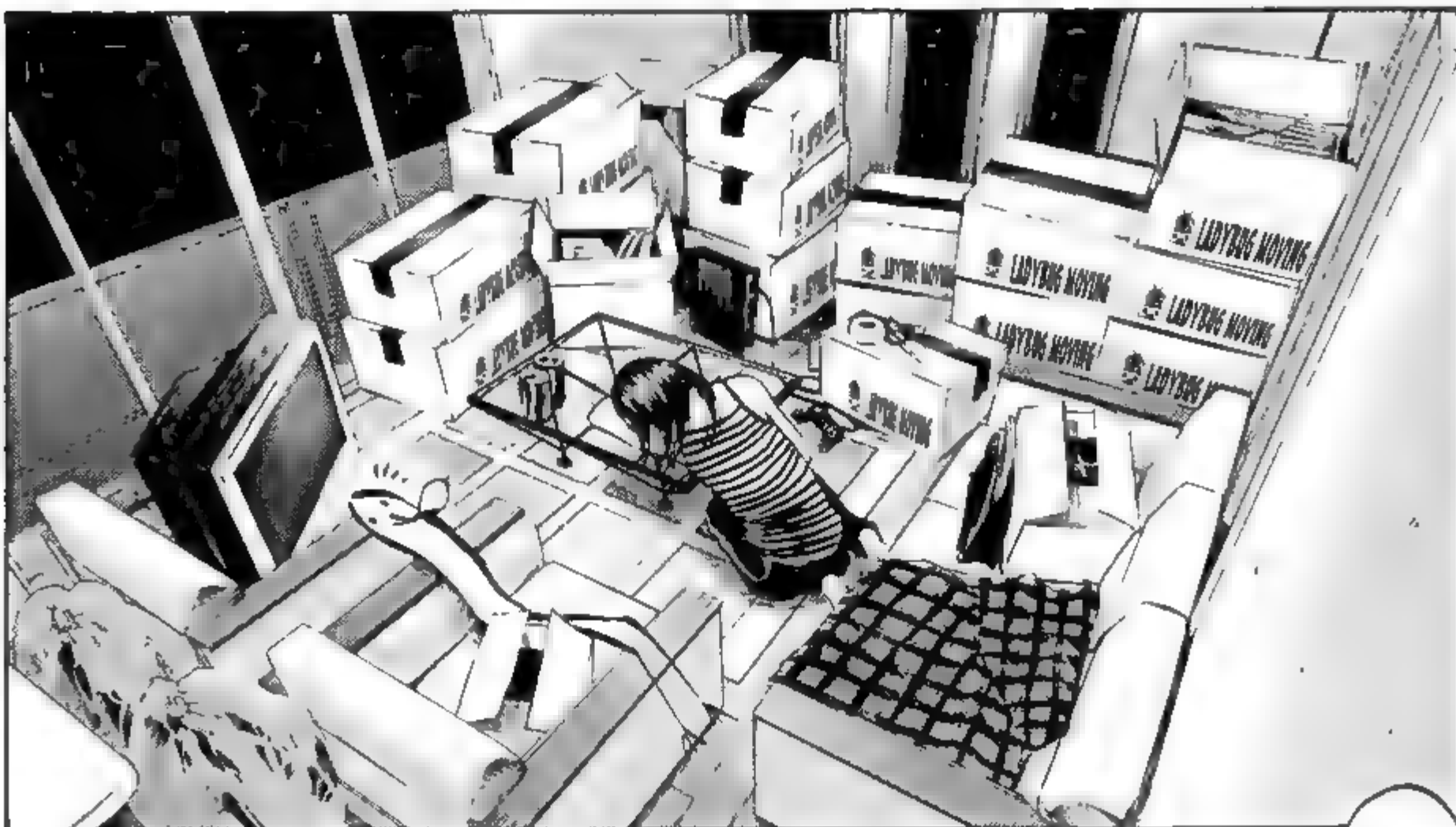
...WOULD
BE SO
PAINFUL.



I NEVER
THOUGHT
GETTING
SYMPATHY
FROM
HER...







...AND HE...

YUICHI MIGHT COME HOME...

...HATES WHEN THE LIGHT'S OFF.



OH...

THAT'S OKAY, PUNPUN. LEAVE THE LIGHT ON.




WILL YOU
STAY LIKE
THIS WITH
ME FOR A
WHILE?

SORRY,
PUNPLIN
...



IT'S
FUNNY
...

I
PROMISED
MY GIRL-
FRIEND ONE
THING WHEN
WE STARTED
GOING OUT.



"...JUST
KILL
ME."

"IF
I EVER
REALLY
HURT
YOU..."



SHE
FORGAVE
ME.

SHE
...

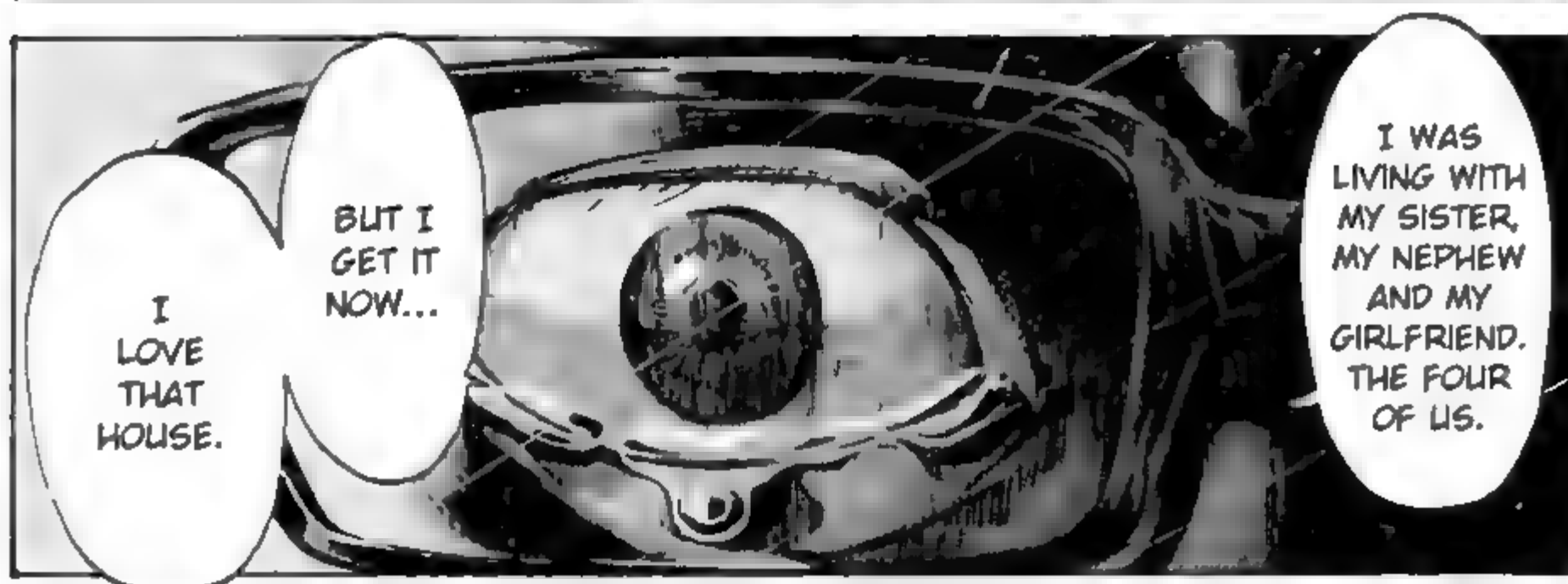
...SHE
DIDN'T
KILL ME.

BUT...



THAT
WAS THE
HARDEST
PART OF
ALL.

THAT...



I
LOVE
THAT
HOUSE.

BUT I
GET IT
NOW...

I WAS
LIVING WITH
MY SISTER,
MY NEPHEW
AND MY
GIRLFRIEND.
THE FOUR
OF US.



...BECAUSE
PEOPLE
ARE TOO
KIND.

I HATE
MYSELF...



...SO
I'VE DONE
THINGS A
HUNDRED
TIMES
WORSE
THAN
YOU.

I USED
TO BE A
TROUBLE-
MAKER
MYSELF...

NO.
NO,
SIR...



...DEAD IN
A DITCH A
LONG TIME
AGO.

IF
I HADN'T
MARRIED MY
MISSUS, I
WOULD'VE
BEEN...

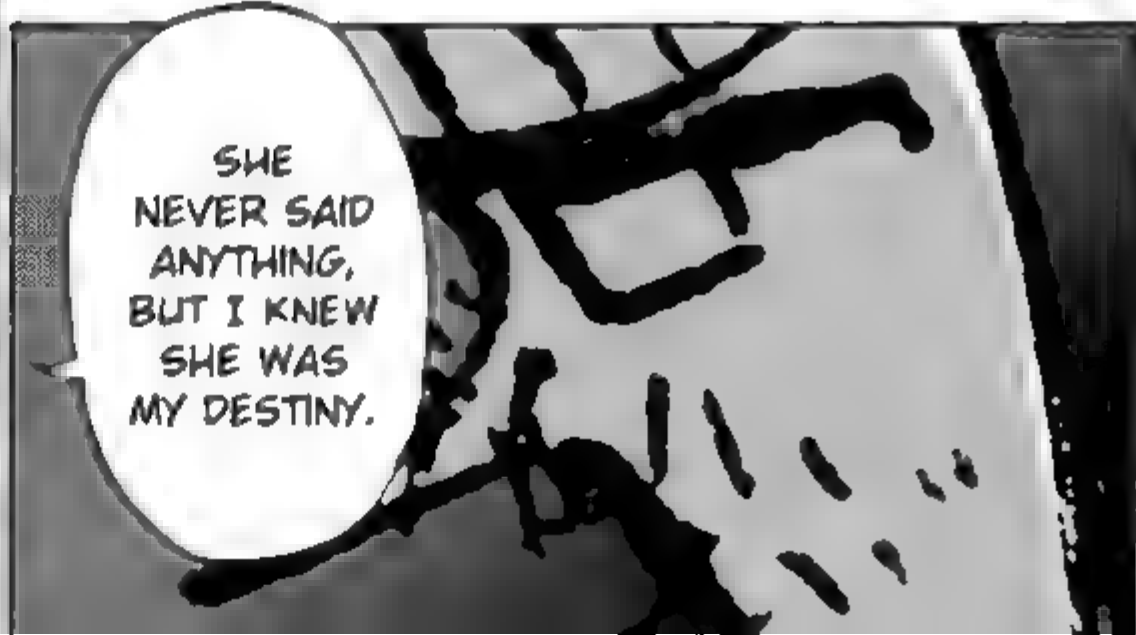


YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
REPAY
KINDNESS
IMMEDI-
ATELY.

YOU CAN
PAY IT
BACK
SLOWLY.



OF
COURSE,
I GAVE
HER
LOADS
OF
TROUBLE
TOO.



SHE
NEVER SAID
ANYTHING,
BUT I KNEW
SHE WAS
MY DESTINY.



YOU'LL NEVER FIND A TAXI WAY OUT HERE.

HERE LET ME GIVE YOU THIS

THERE ARE CHANCES EVERYWHERE

BUT WHERE DO I EVEN START?



I

BUT... OH NO



THE ONLY THING YOU'LL GET STARING AT THE OCEAN IS A COLD.

I'LL COME GET YOU WHENEVER YOU'RE READY.

THAT'S OKAY—I HAVE LOTS OF TIME...



EVENTUALLY
YOU'LL
GO HOME.

OF
COURSE
YOU
WILL.

THERE'S
SOMEONE
WAITING
FOR YOU.



I'M
NOT A
PHILOSOPHER...

...BUT I
THINK WHAT
A SINNER
REALLY
NEEDS ISN'T
PUNISHMENT.

IT'S TO
UNDER-
STAND
THE PAIN
OF BEING
FORGIVEN.



MY
MISSUS...

...PASSED
AWAY LAST
MONTH.



I
HAVE ONE
REGRET.



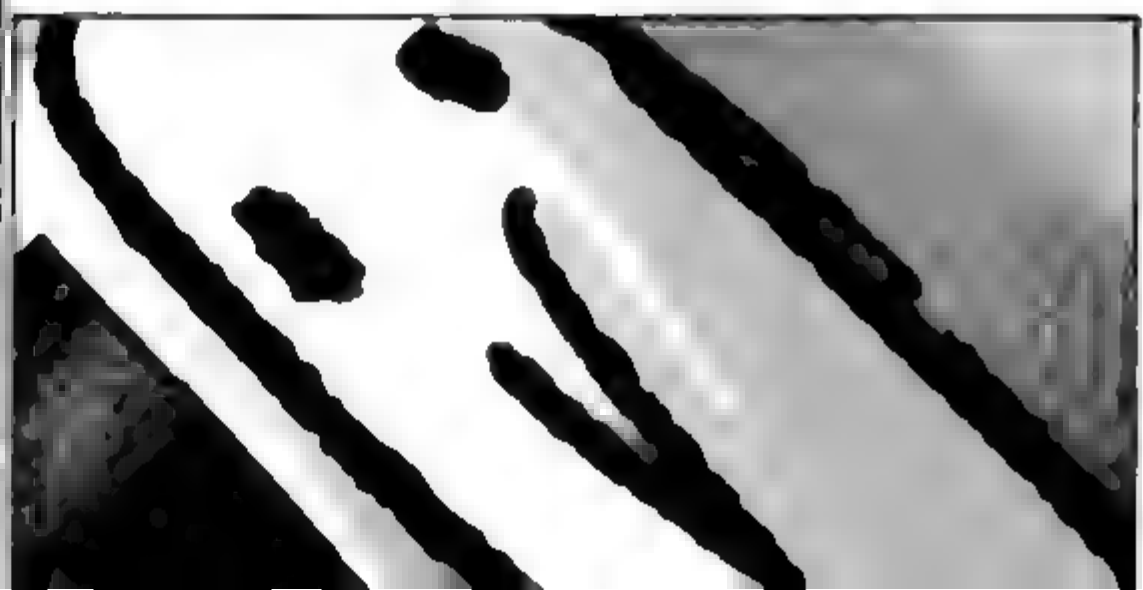




...and
the night
blurred
into a
translucent
dawn.

...Uncle
Yuichi
didn't
come
home...

In the
end...





JUST
ONCE...



REALLY?

...I'D LOVE
TO BE
PURSUED
BY A
SWEATY,
MUSCULAR
MAN.



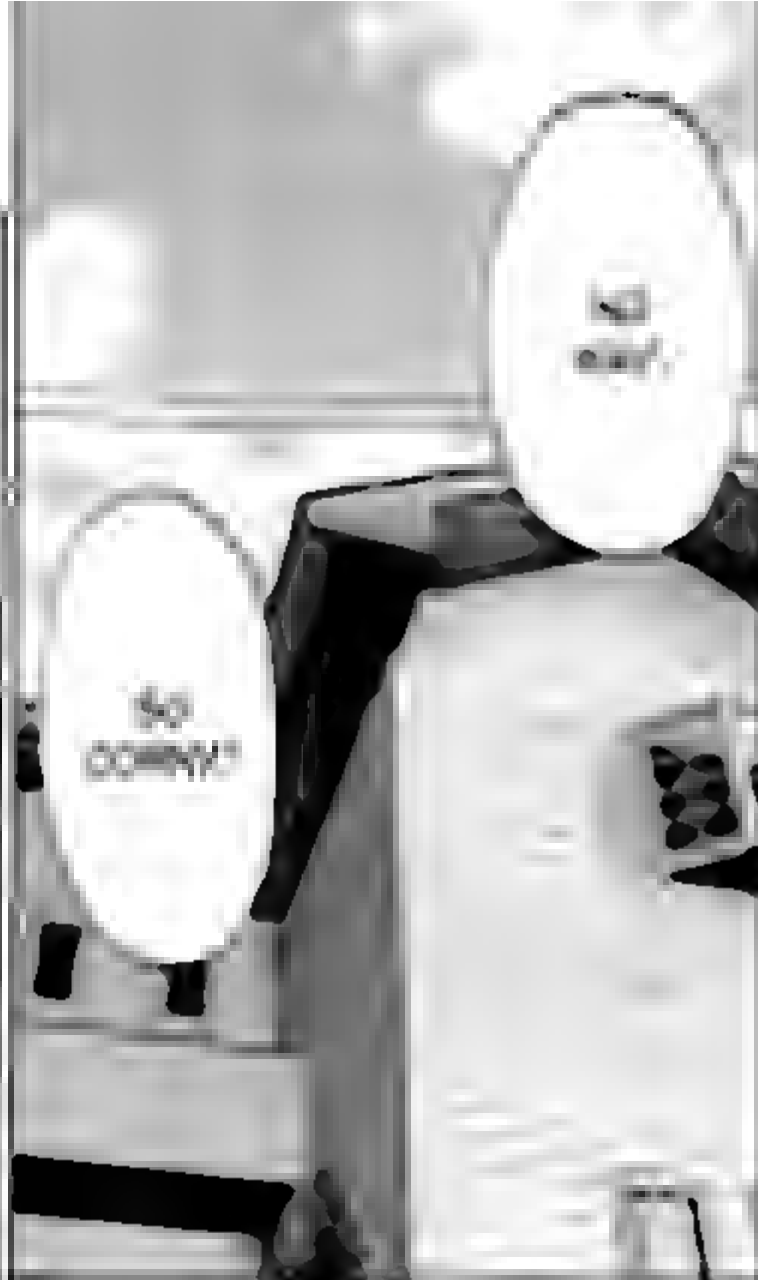
THIS
HOUSE
SEEMS
PRETTY BIG
WITHOUT
ANY FURNI-
TURE.



WHY
DON'T WE
ALL TAKE A
PICTURE BY
THE FRONT
DOOR
BEFORE
WE GO?



Punpun was remembering everything that had happened in the house, from the first day they'd moved in until today.



WE'VE FINISHED LOADING ALL YOUR THINGS, SO CAN WE GET A CONFIRMATION SIGNATURE, PLEASE?

EXCUSE ME, MA'AM!



That New Year's Eve when Uncle Yuichi got chicken pox and made a huge fuss...

Like when he watched the night game with his dad...

...and when Midori watched a drama rerun and couldn't stop crying and they all laughed at her.



...and the morning his mom banged around with a toothache and broke a window.



...I thought Punpun.

"Days go by without us knowing why..."

...and ages ago.

...like it had happened yesterday...

It all seemed...



WILL
YOU AND
PUNPUN
STAY BEHIND
AND TAKE
CARE OF THE
TRASH AND
ALL THAT?

...I'LL
HEAD
OVER TO
THE NEW
PLACE
WITH THE
MOVERS.

OKAY
...



JUST
ONE!

I'M
SORRY
...

LET'S
JUST
TAKE ONE
PHOTO
OF US
TOGETHER.



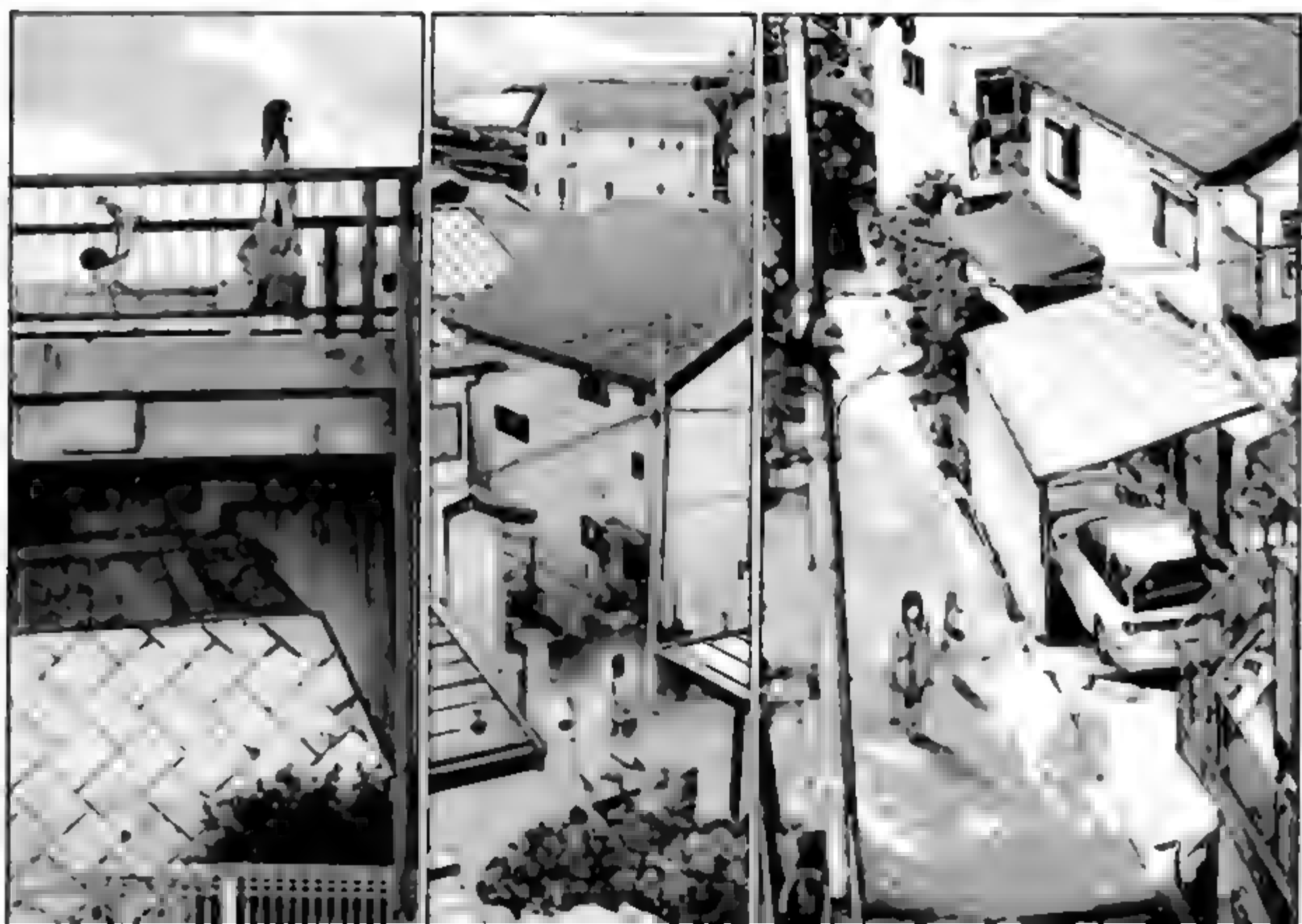
WHAT?

UMM,
SIS...

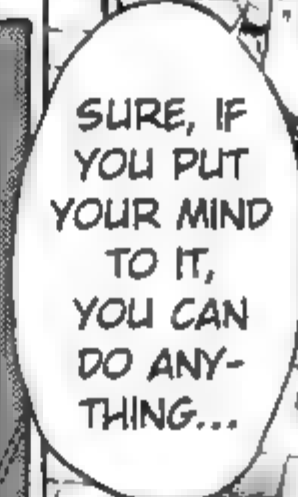
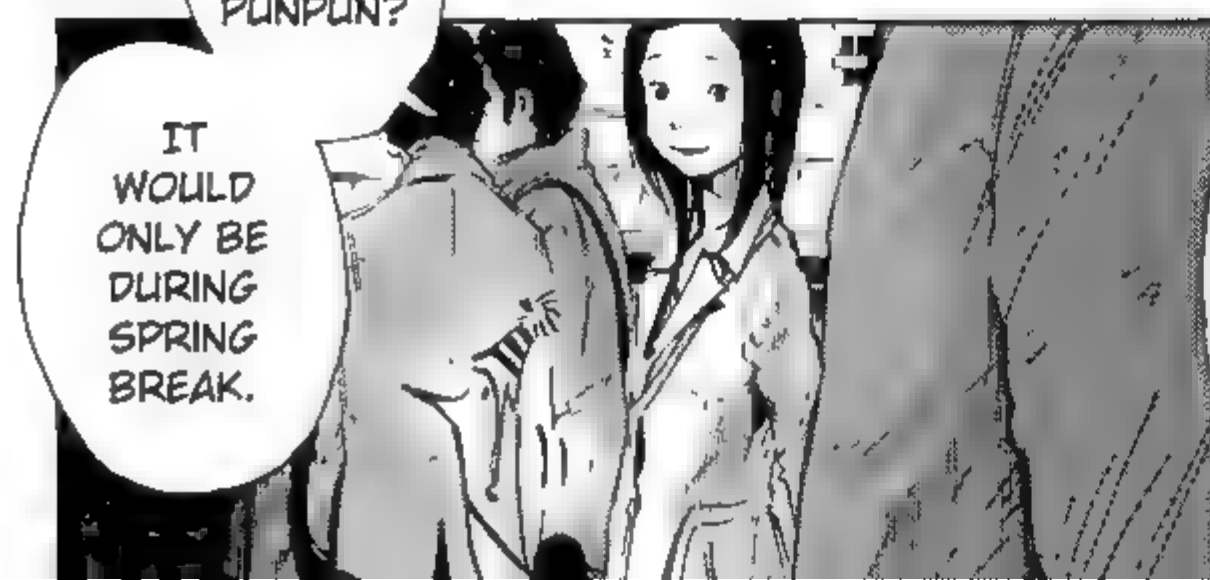
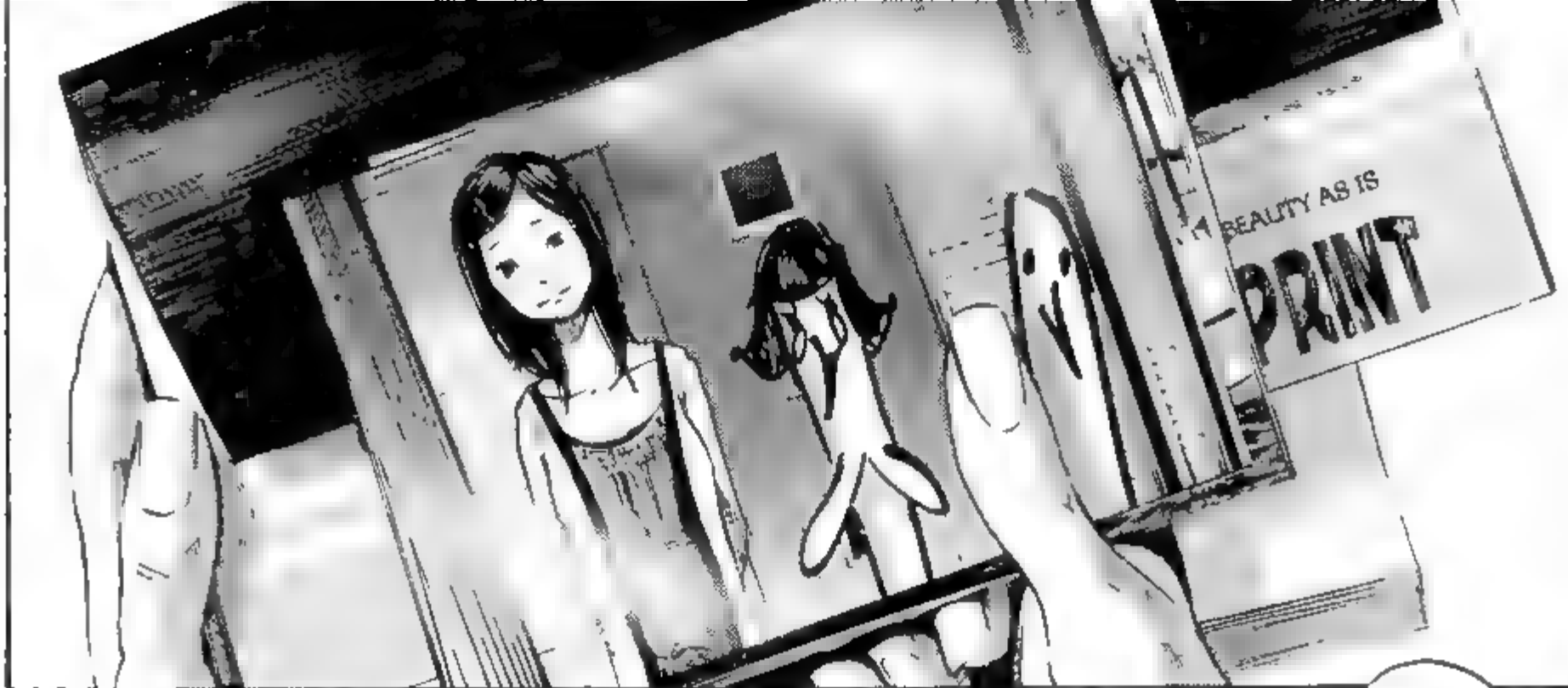


IS IT
OKAY
...

...IF I
CALL YOU
SOME-
TIMES?





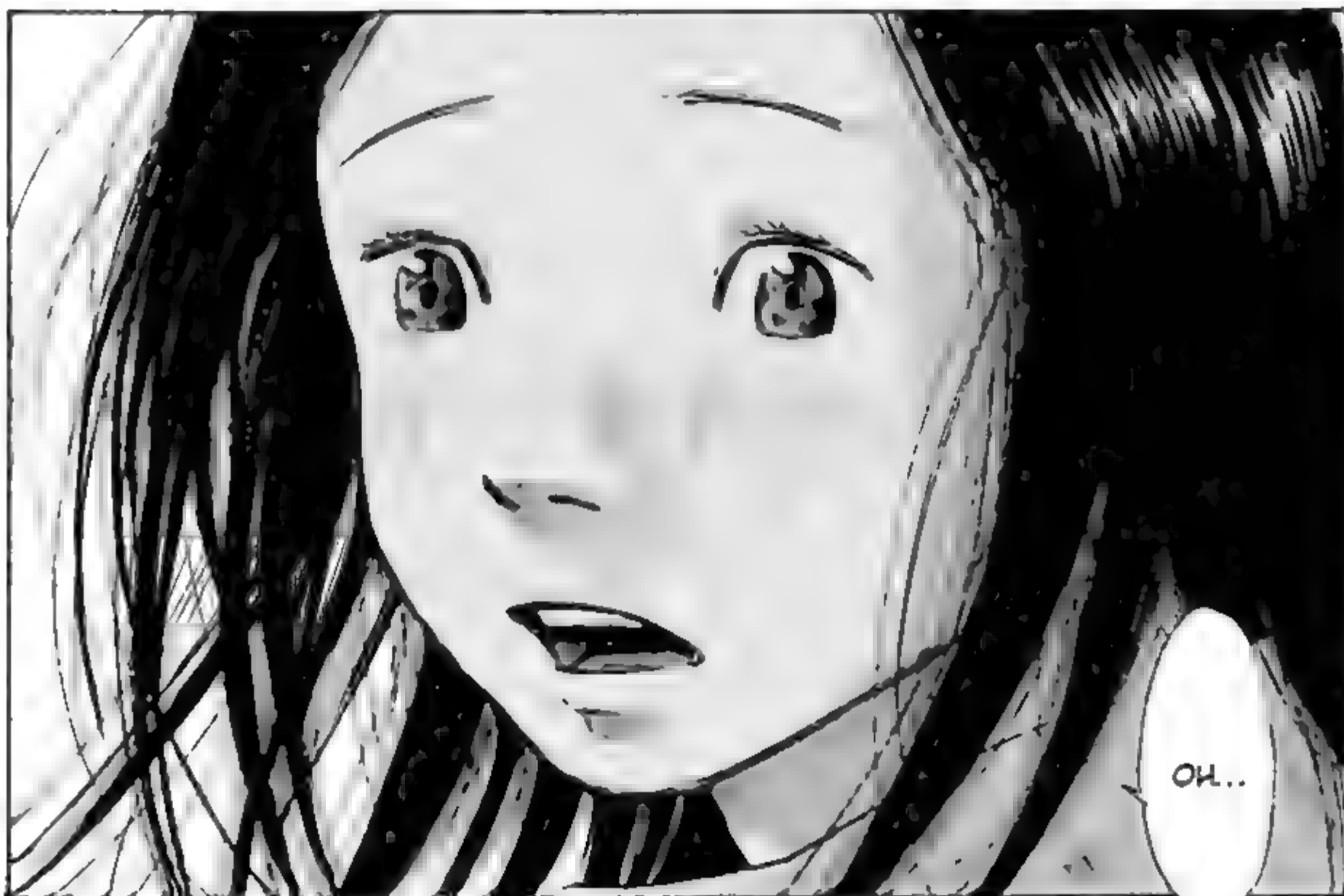




WHAT?



SEE...



OH...

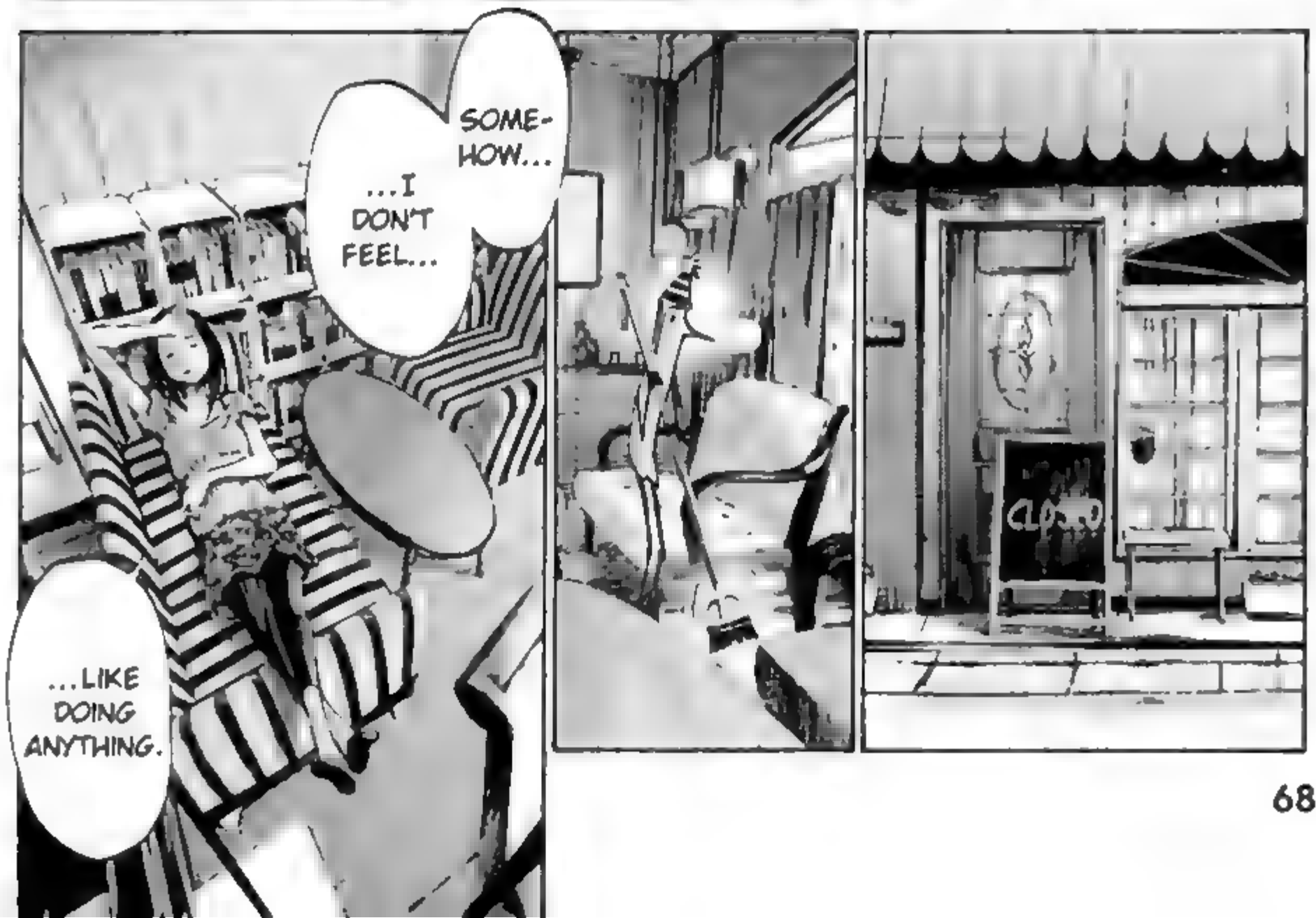


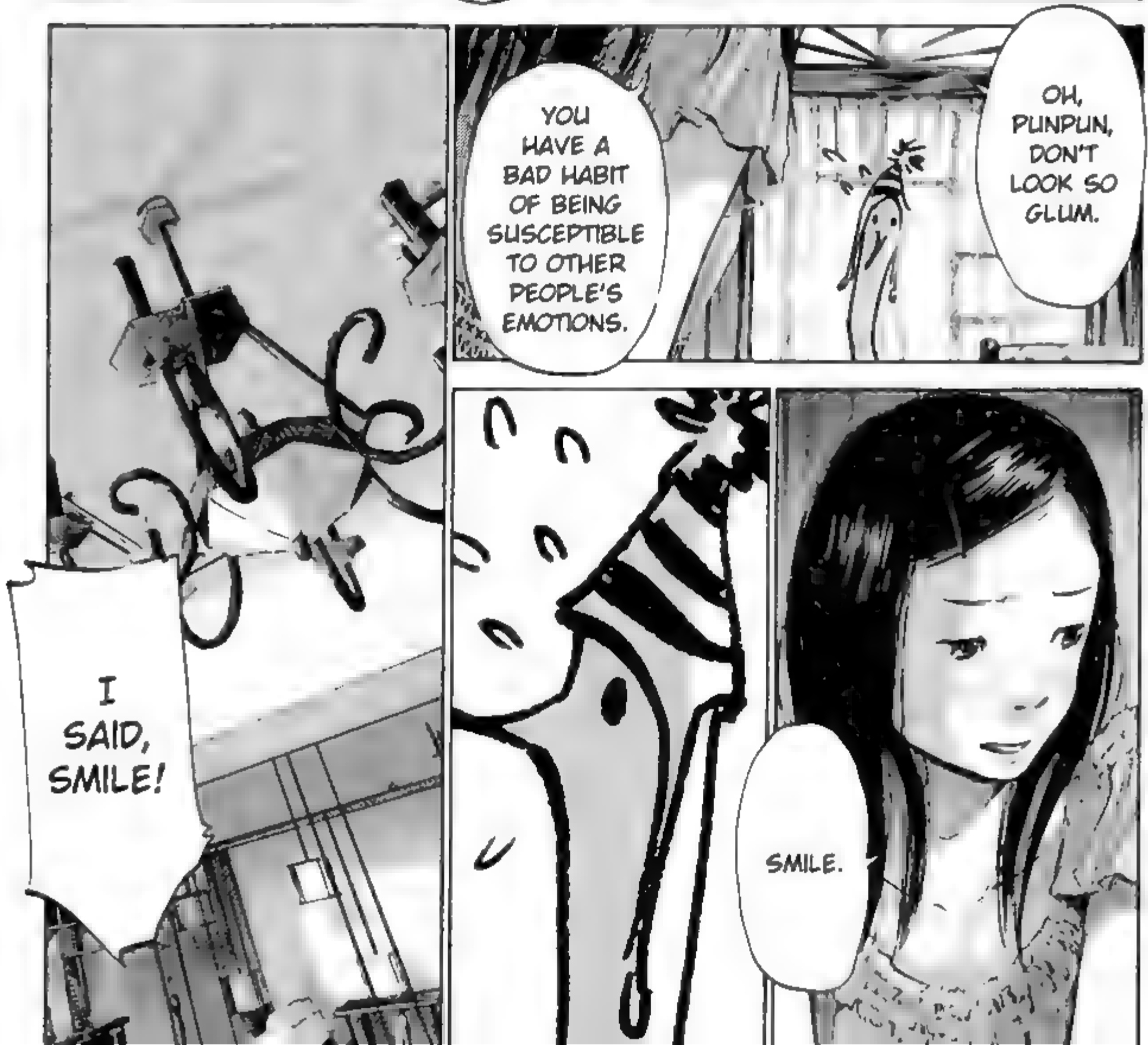
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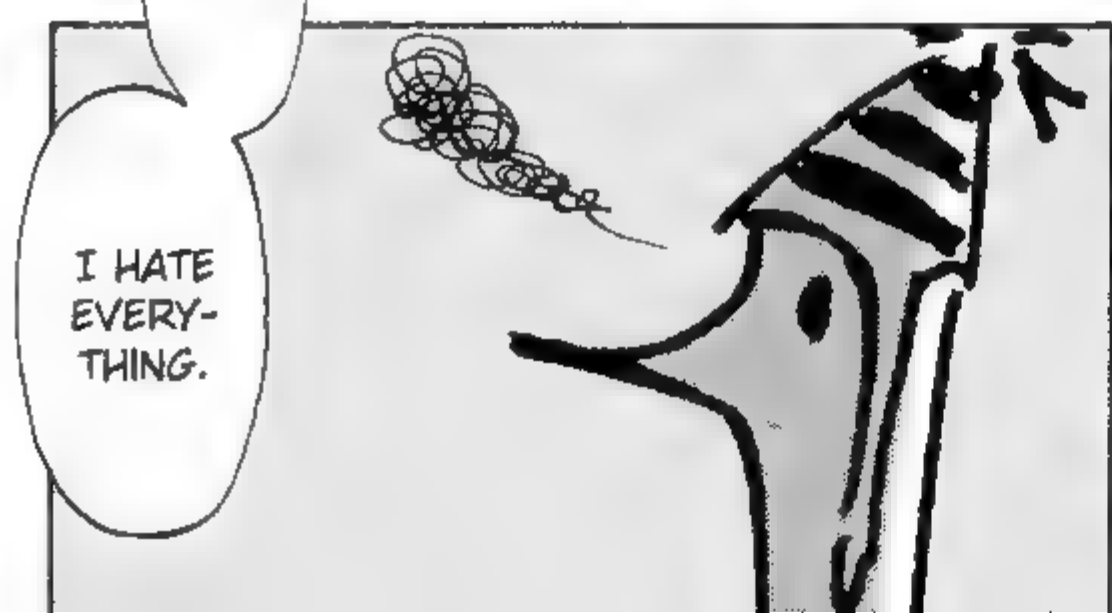
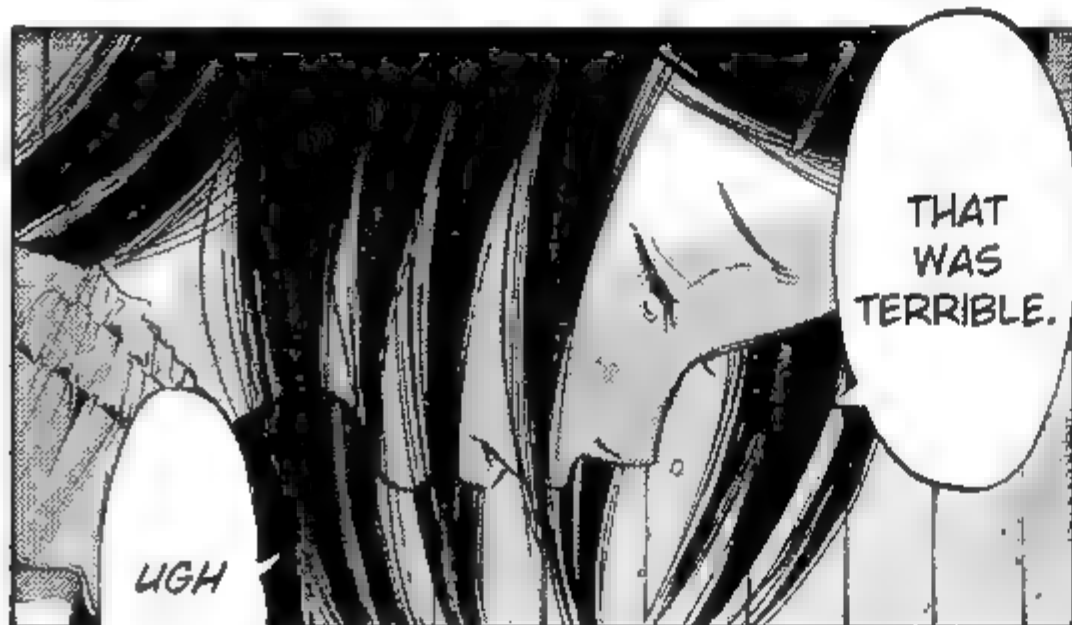
...YU...





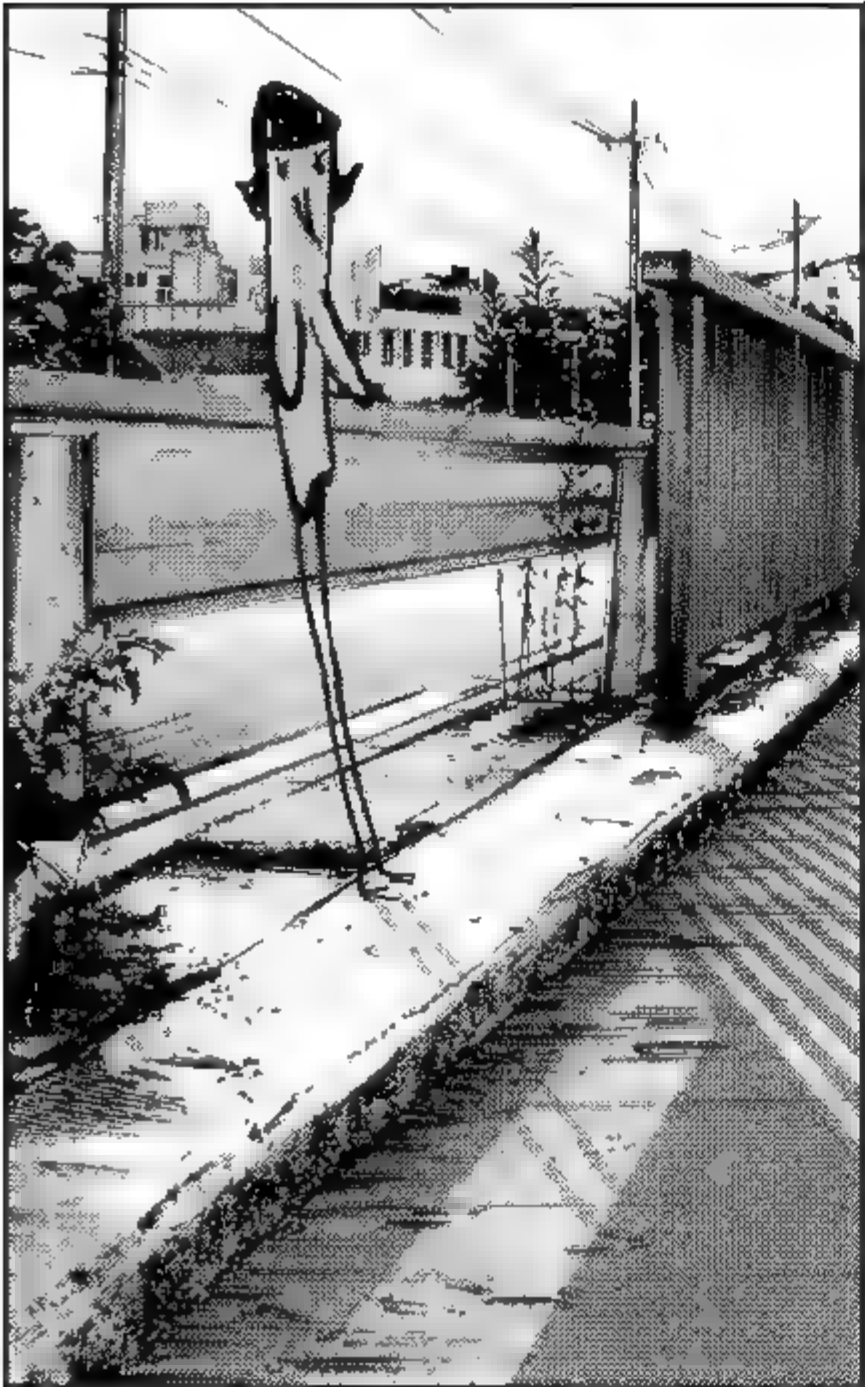






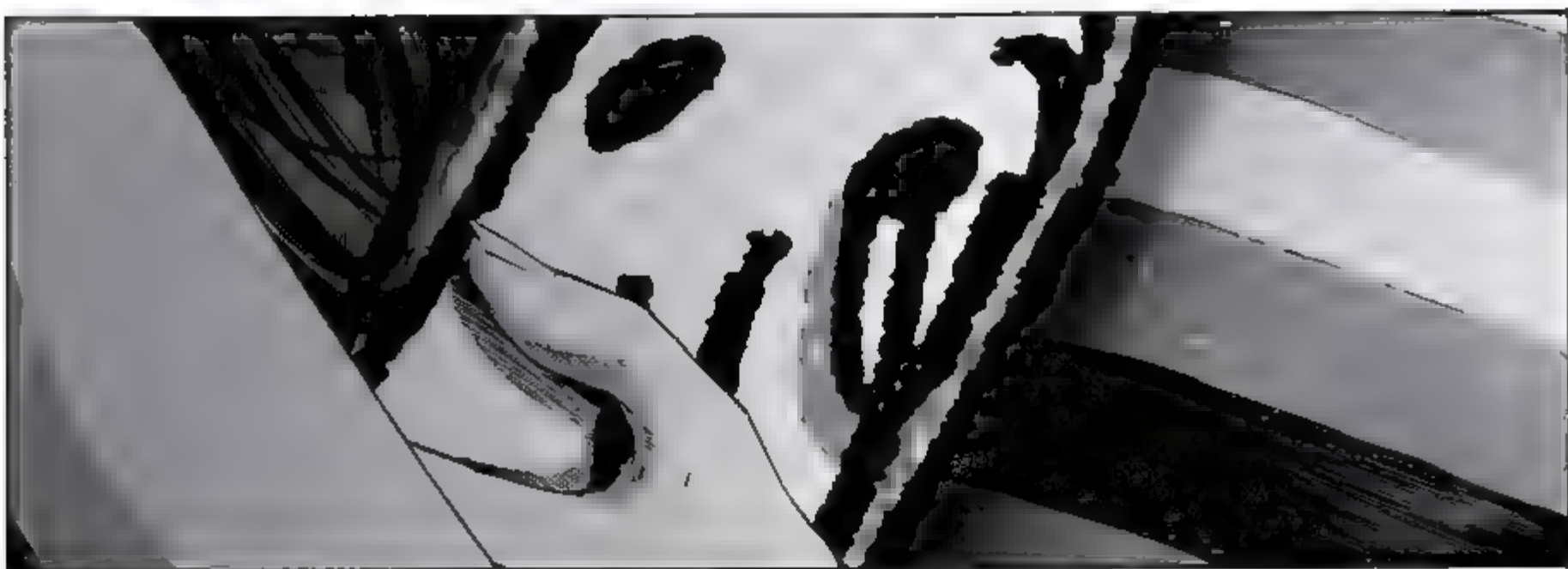








Chapter 50





YUICHI
WAS
HAVING
AN AFFAIR
WITH SOME
MIDDLE-
AGED
WOMAN.

YOU
KNOW
...

HE
ENDED UP
HAVING
TO PAY
\$200,000
BECAUSE OF
IT. WHAT AN
IDIOT.





NO
MATTER
HOW HE
TRIES TO
SPIN IT...

HE'S
JUST A
PLAYER

I
KNEW
THAT

I WAS
PREPARED
TO GIVE
HIM ONE
MORE
CHANCE.



HE
HASN'T
MATURED
AT ALL

HE
CAN
AWAY
AGAIN

BUT



I
COULDN'T
CHANGE
HIM

THAT'S
THE
SADDEST
THING.

OR
MAYBE



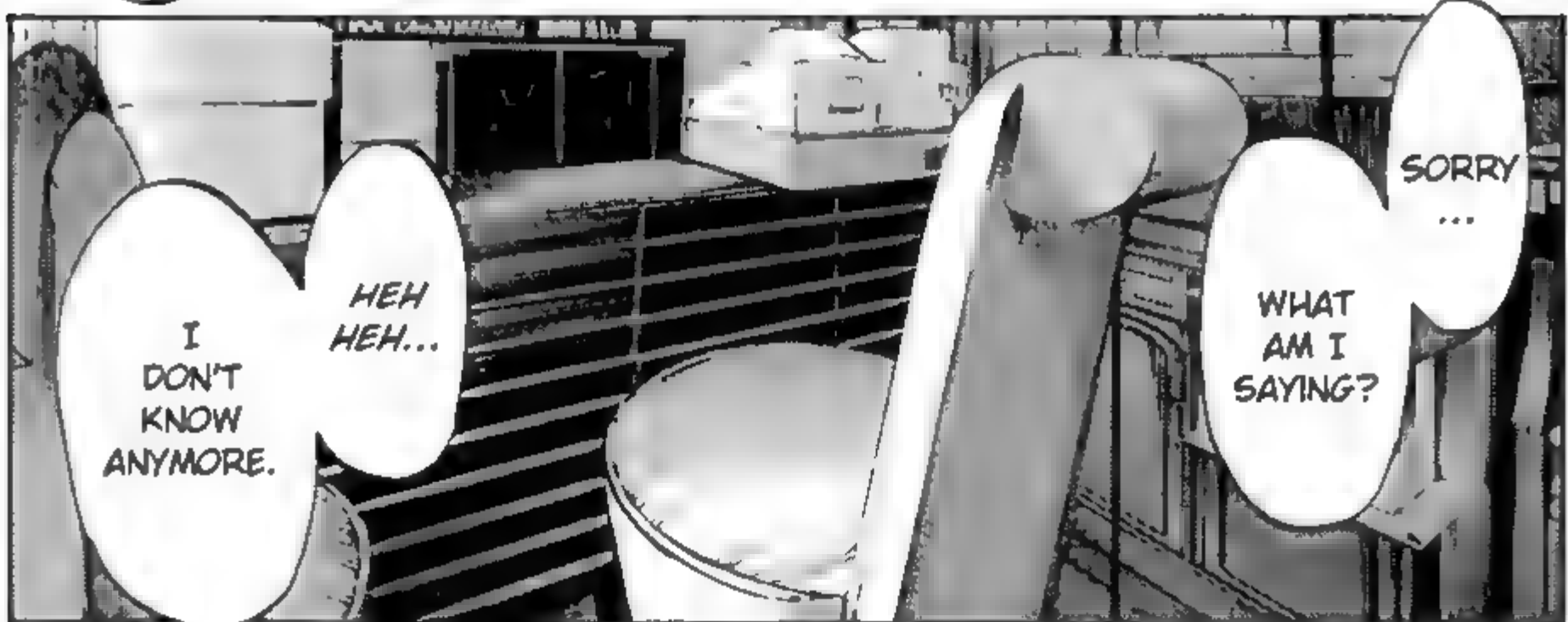
MAYBE
EVEN
NOW...

...I'M
JUST
THINKING
UP WAYS
TO
TORMENT
HIM.

MAYBE
...

...I
WAS
JUST
FRUS-
TRATED
...

...AND
WANTED
TO DRIVE
HIM INTO A
CORNER IN
THE MOST
PAINFUL
WAY.

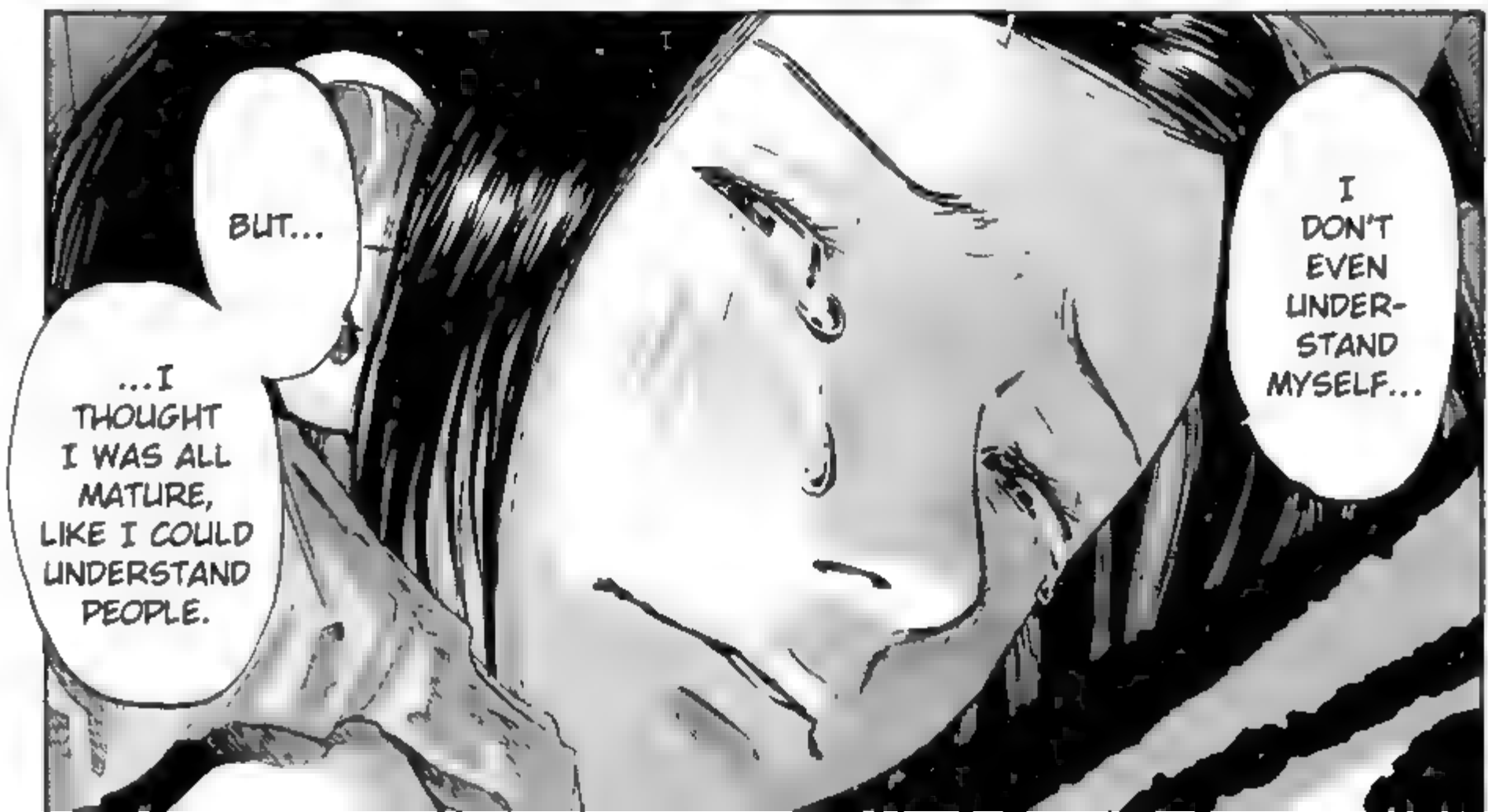


I
DON'T
KNOW
ANYMORE.

HEH
HEH...

SORRY
...

WHAT
AM I
SAYING?



BUT...

...I
THOUGHT
I WAS ALL
MATURE,
LIKE I COULD
UNDERSTAND
PEOPLE.

I
DON'T
EVEN
UNDER-
STAND
MYSELF...



WHAT'S
THE ONE
THING YOU
BELIEVE
IN?

WHAT
DO YOU
THINK
IS MOST
IMPOR-
TANT?

FUNDEN



YOU
LOSE
YOUR-
SELF
YOU?

THE
THING
THAT
IF YOU
LOSE
SHOWS
UP IT

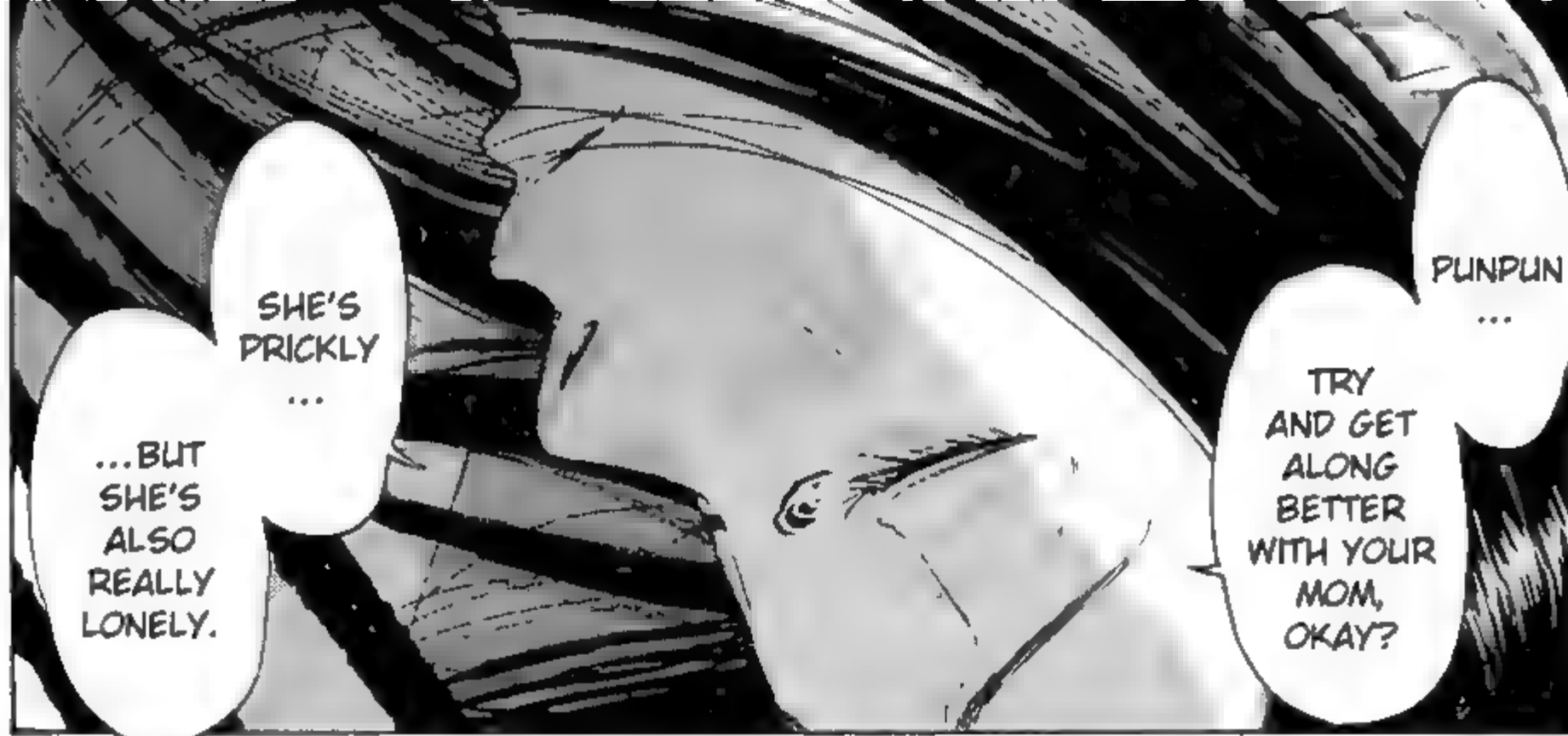


...THE
FOUR
OF US
LIVING
TOGETHER.

I
REALLY
LOVED...

FOR ME,
ACHIEVING
MY DREAM
WAS JUST
A CHECK-
POINT.

I
FINALLY
GET IT
NOW...



...BUT
SHE'S
ALSO
REALLY
LONELY.

SHE'S
PRICKLY
...

TRY
AND GET
ALONG
BETTER
WITH YOUR
MOM,
OKAY?

PUNPUN
...



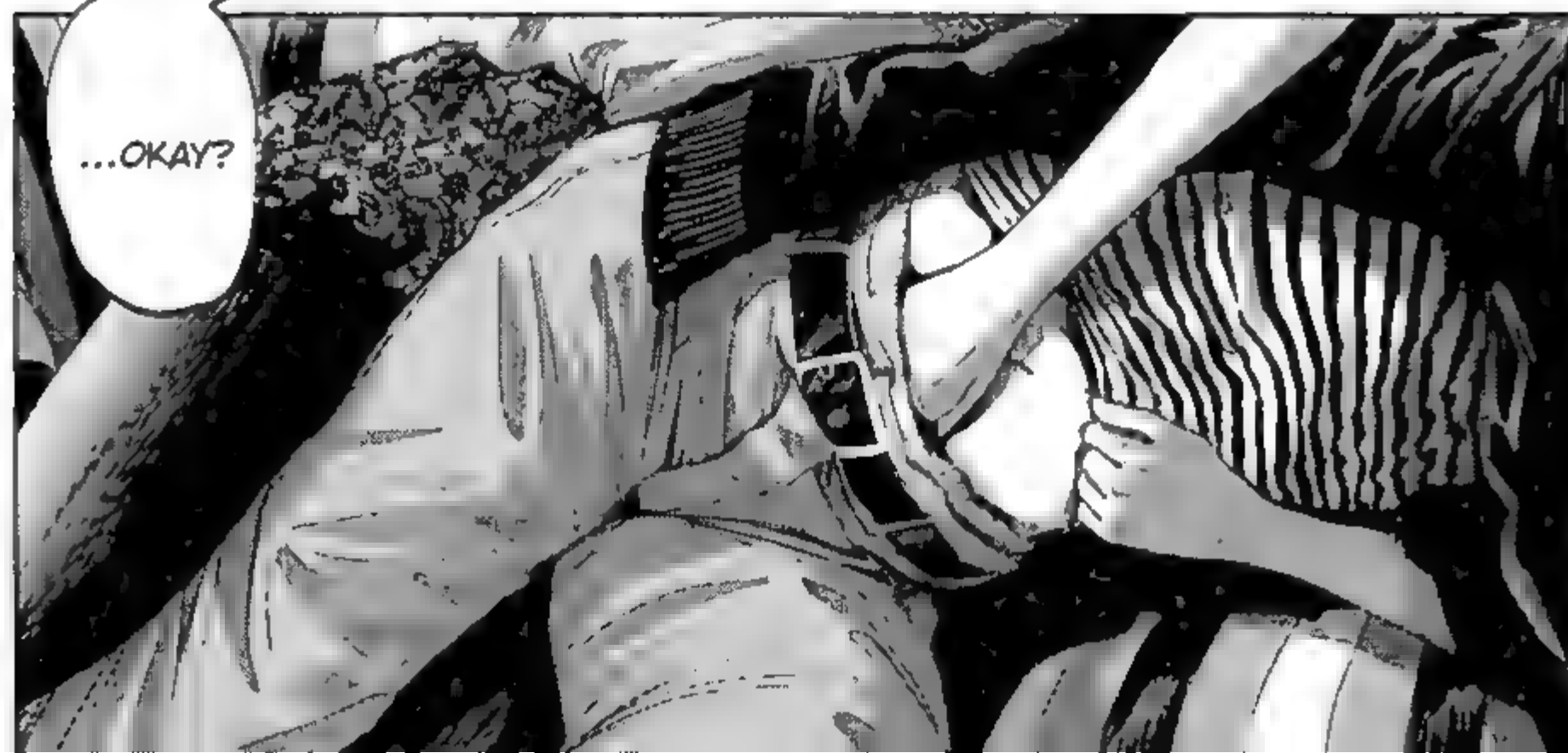
I'M
ACTUALLY
KIND OF
WORRIED
ABOUT
YOU.

I
WONDER
WHAT KIND
OF ADULT
YOU'LL
BECOME,
PUNPUN.

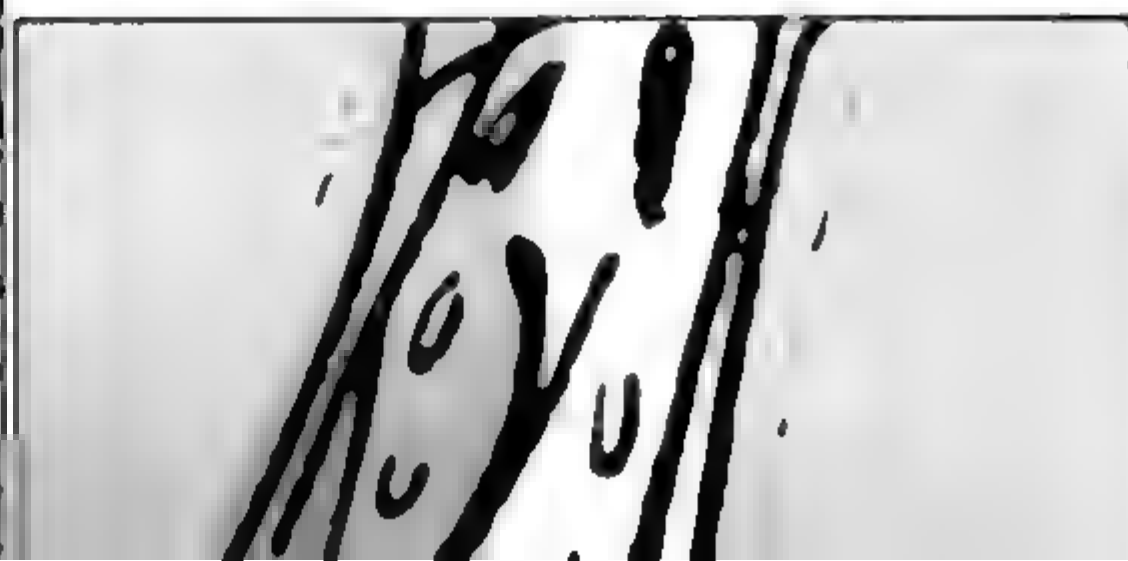


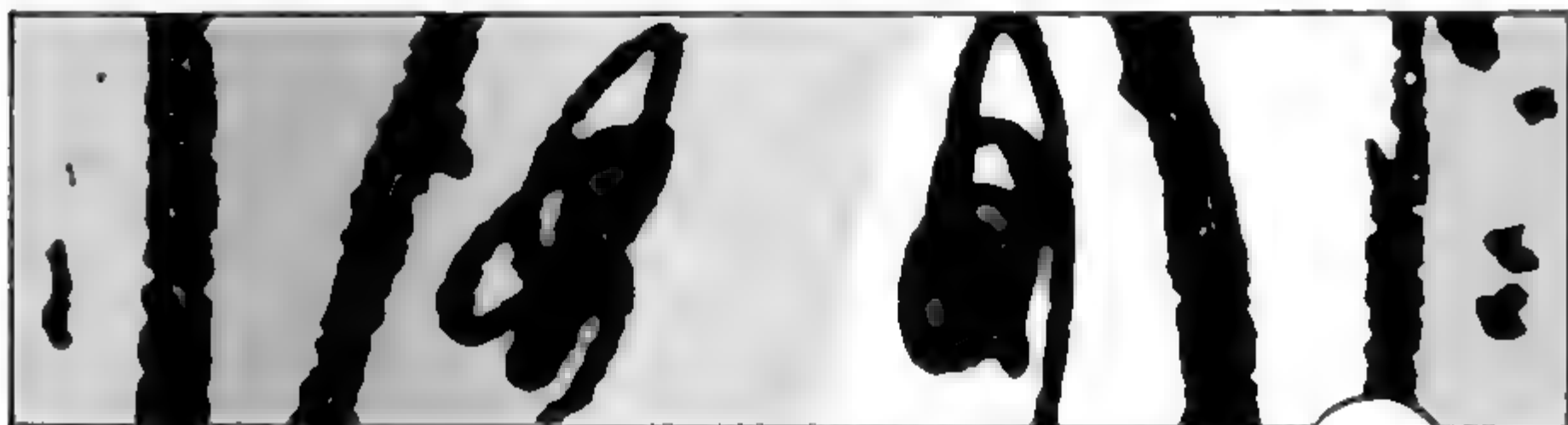
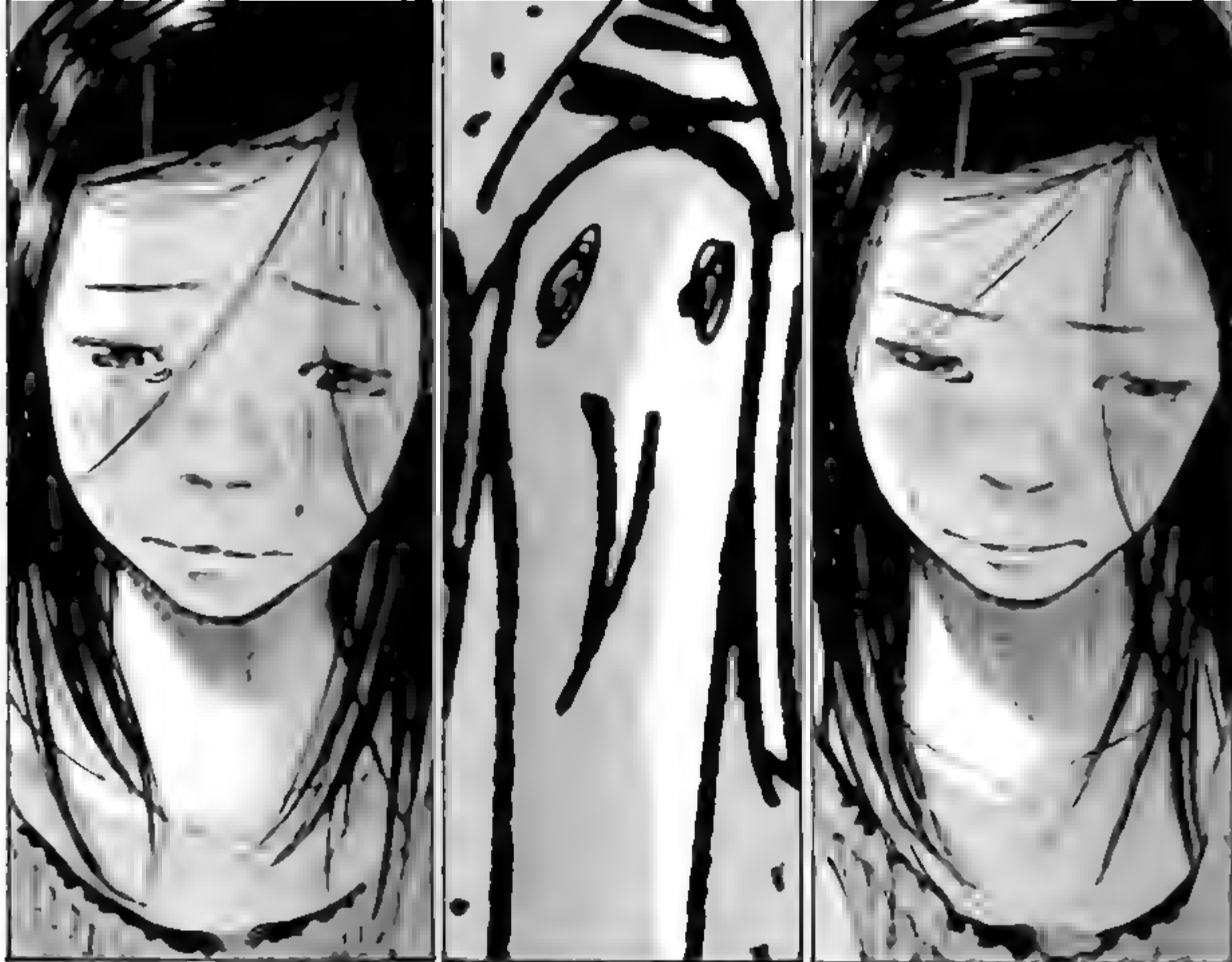
JUST A
LITTLE
BIT...

SORRY
...



...OKAY?

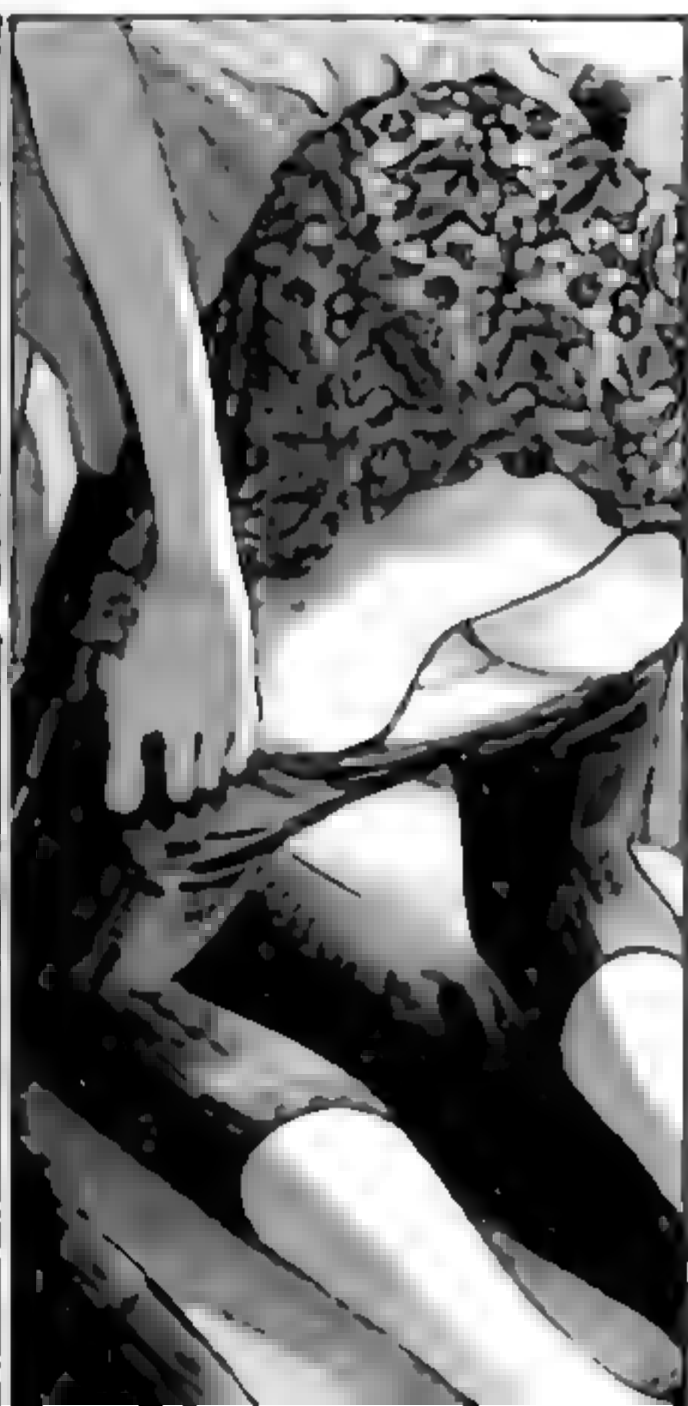
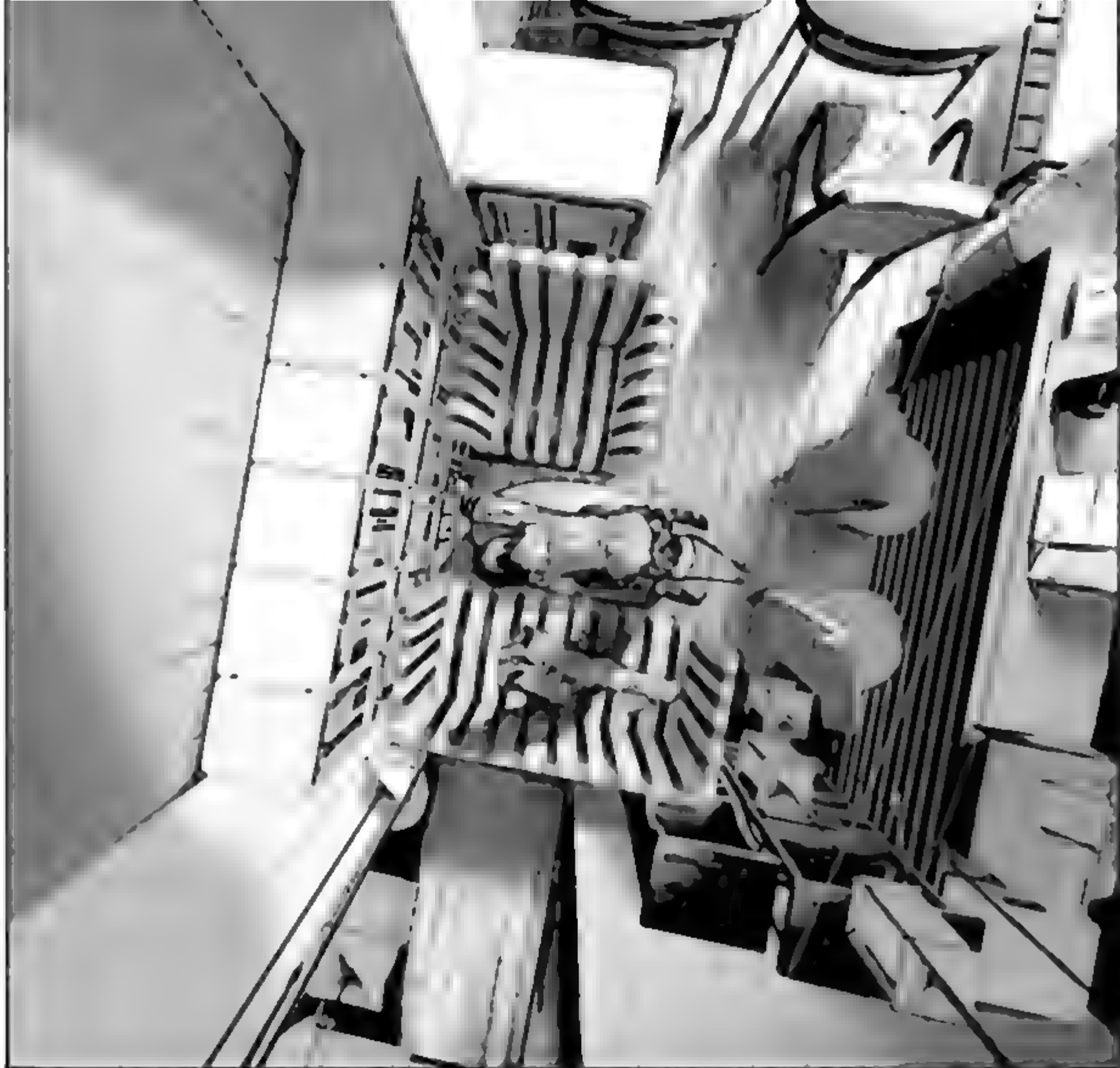


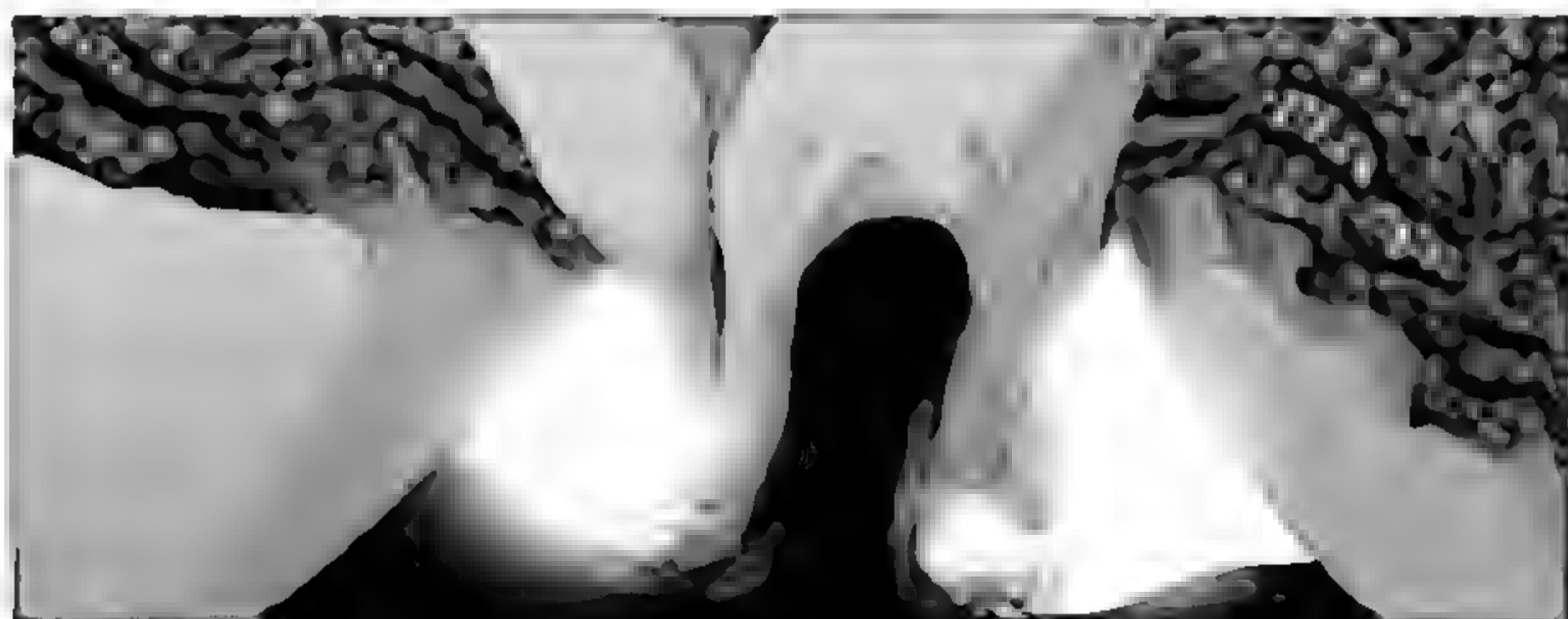


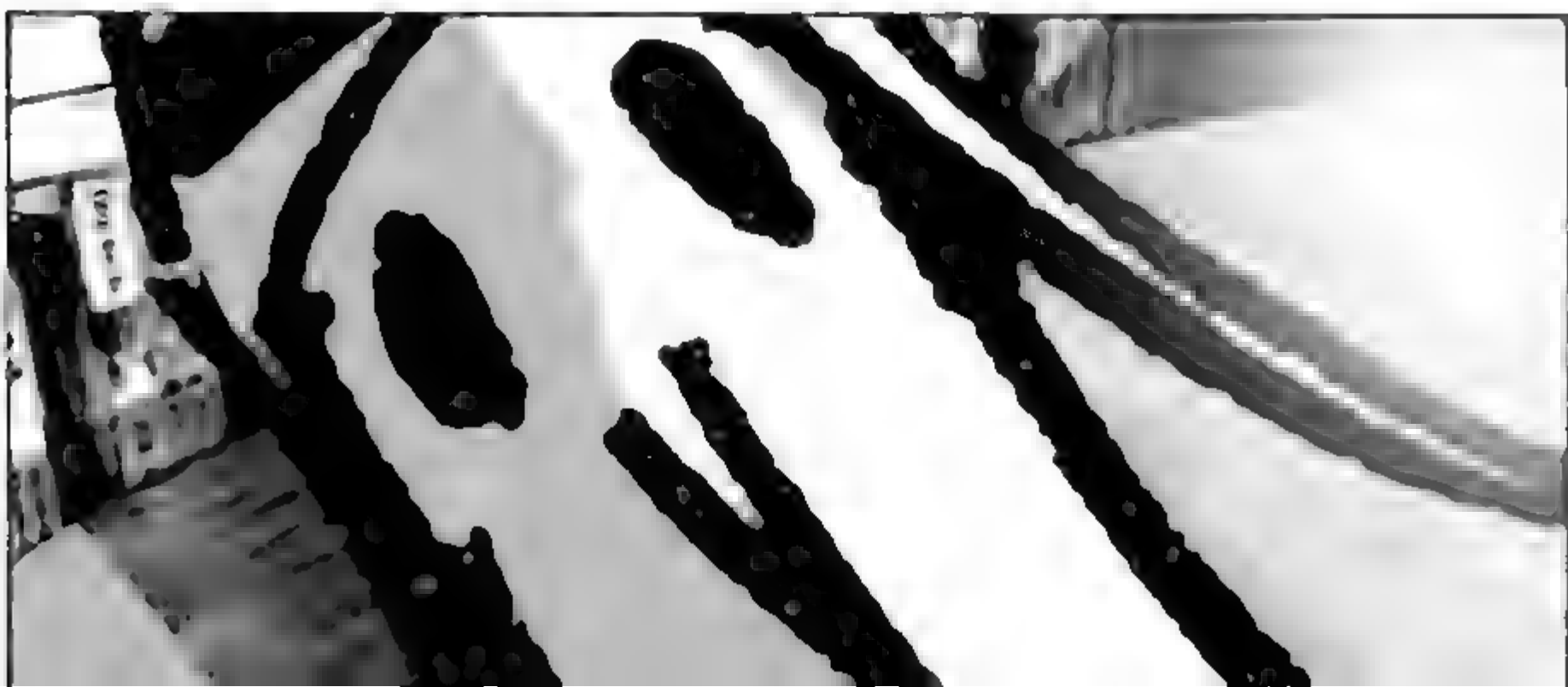
DON'T
MOVE...

JUST
A
LITTLE
BIT .

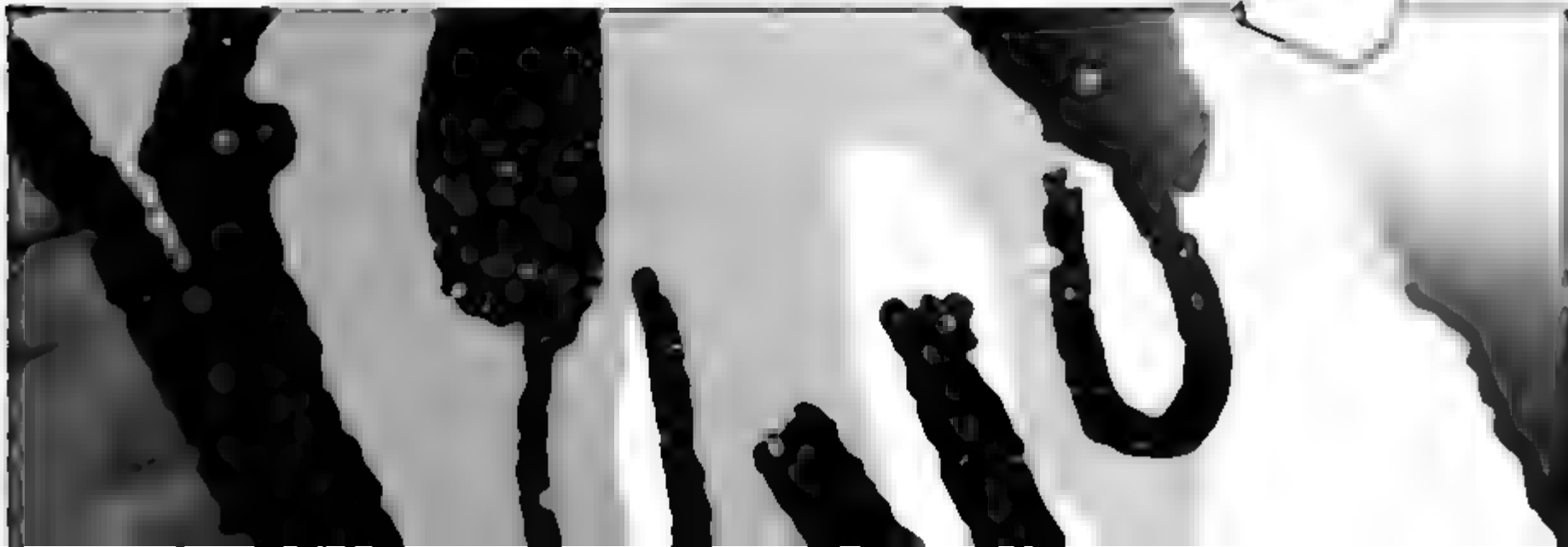


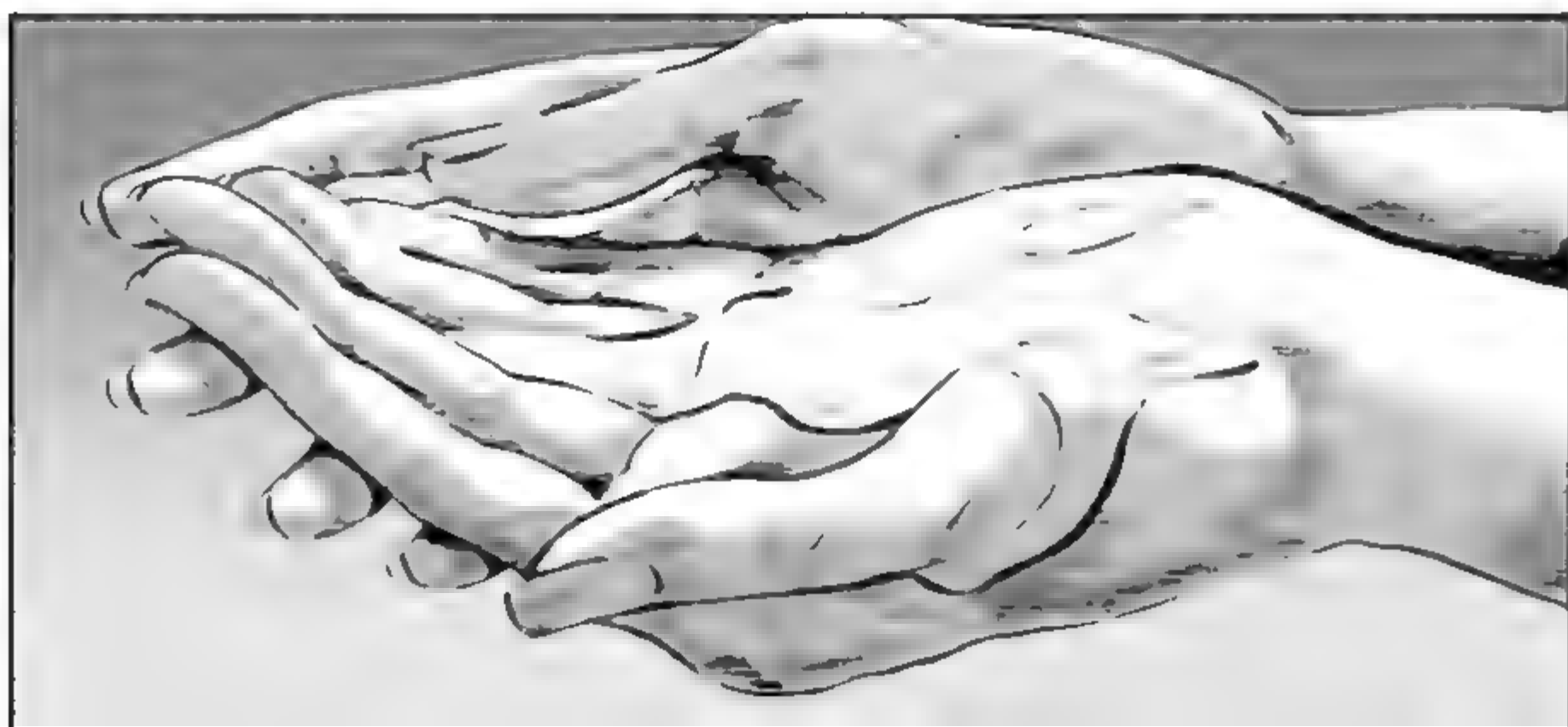


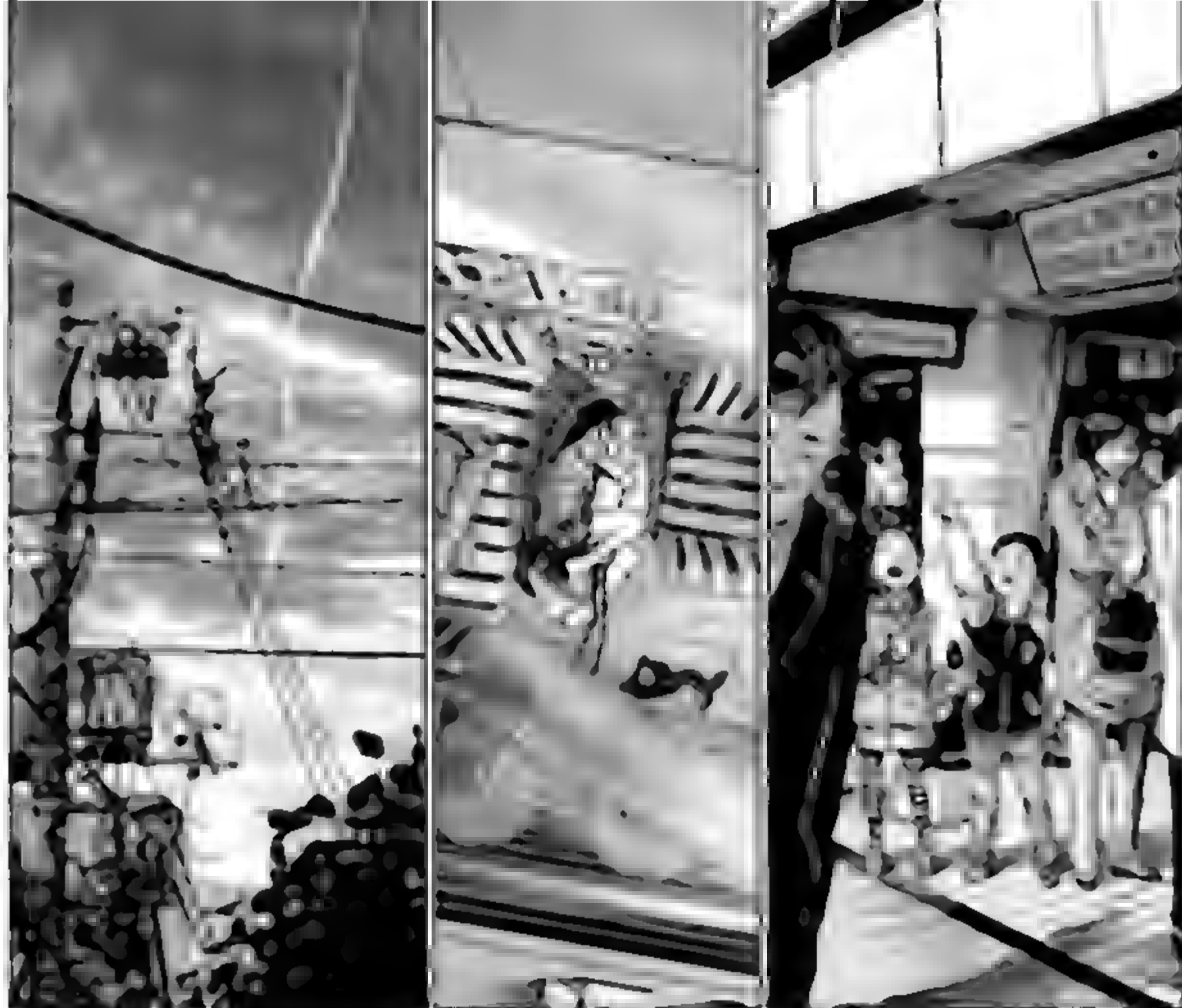


















...and
softly
closed
the door.

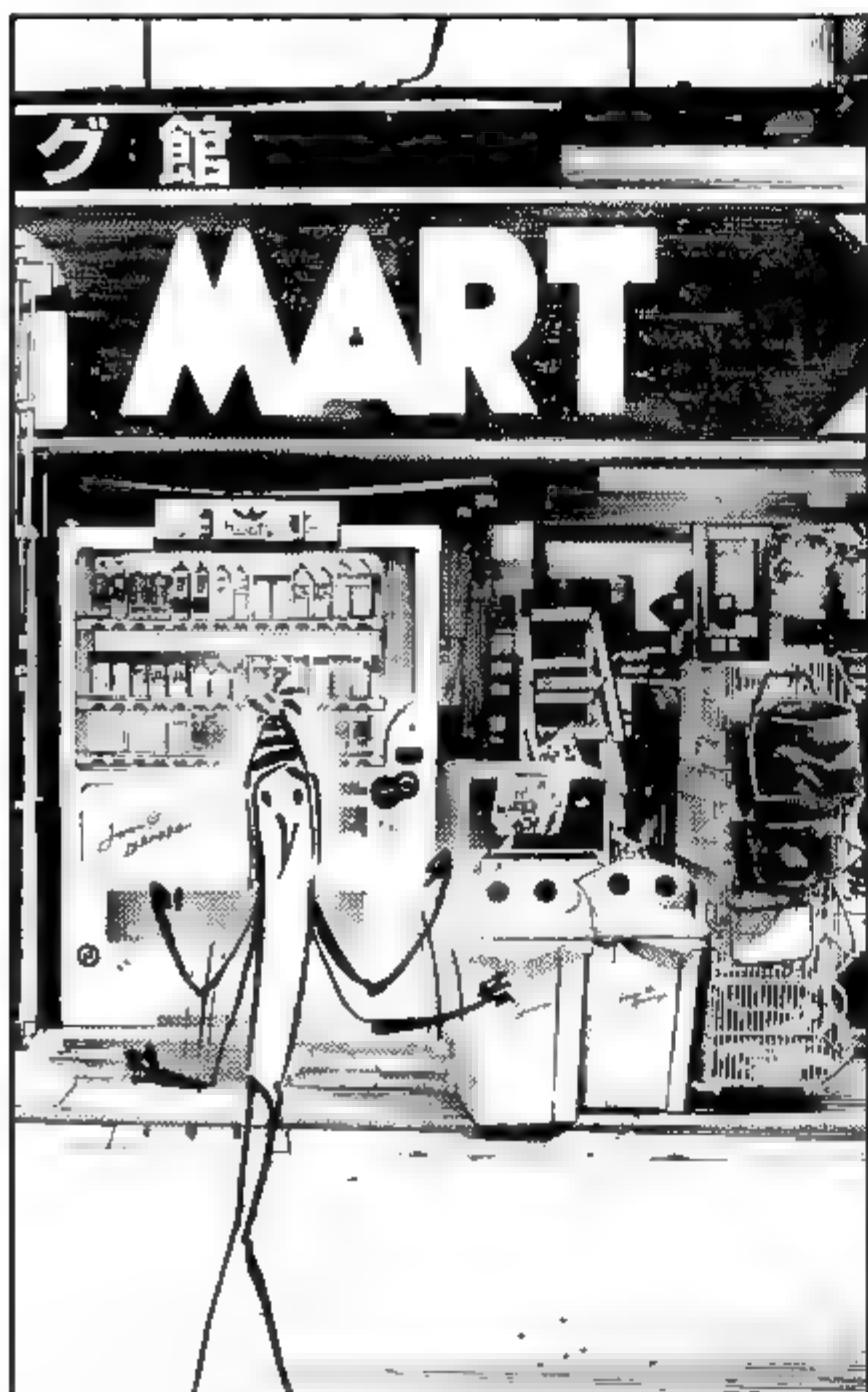
Punpun
didn't say
a thing...



So he
kept
quiet.

...Punpun
felt like he'd
lose too many
important
things. That
they'd just
disappear.

If he
uttered
even a
single
word...







...like he
understood
all the
secrets of
mankind.

In that
instant,
Punpun
had felt...



Then
you
go all
shaky!

Mmm ...

Gasp!

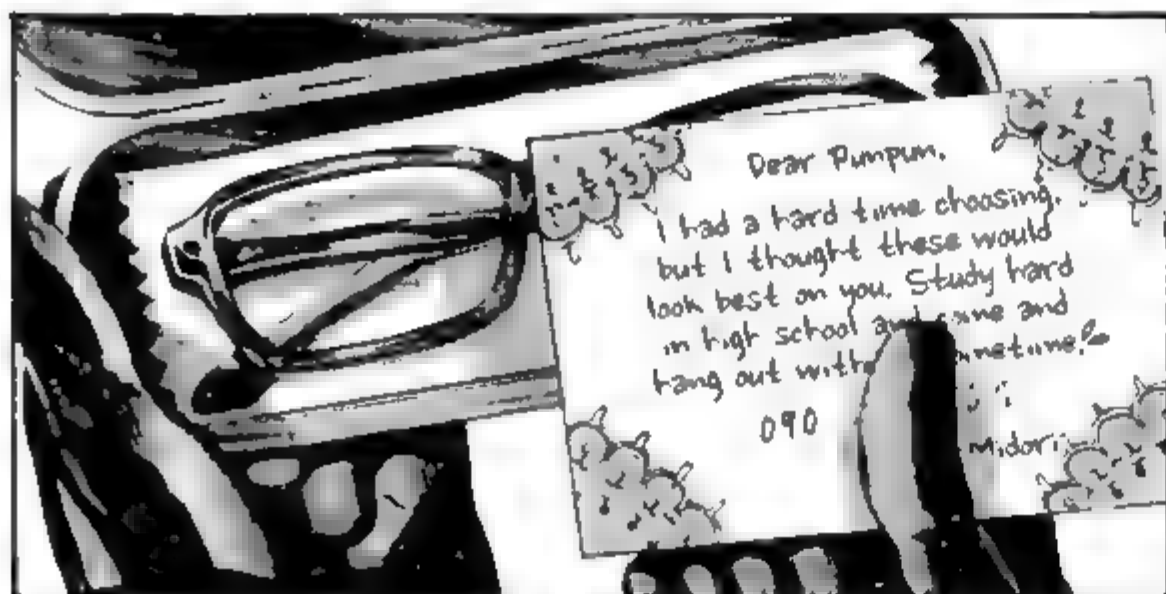
Then
you
float a
little!

Then
you
clench!

All
slimy!

So you
go all
slimy!

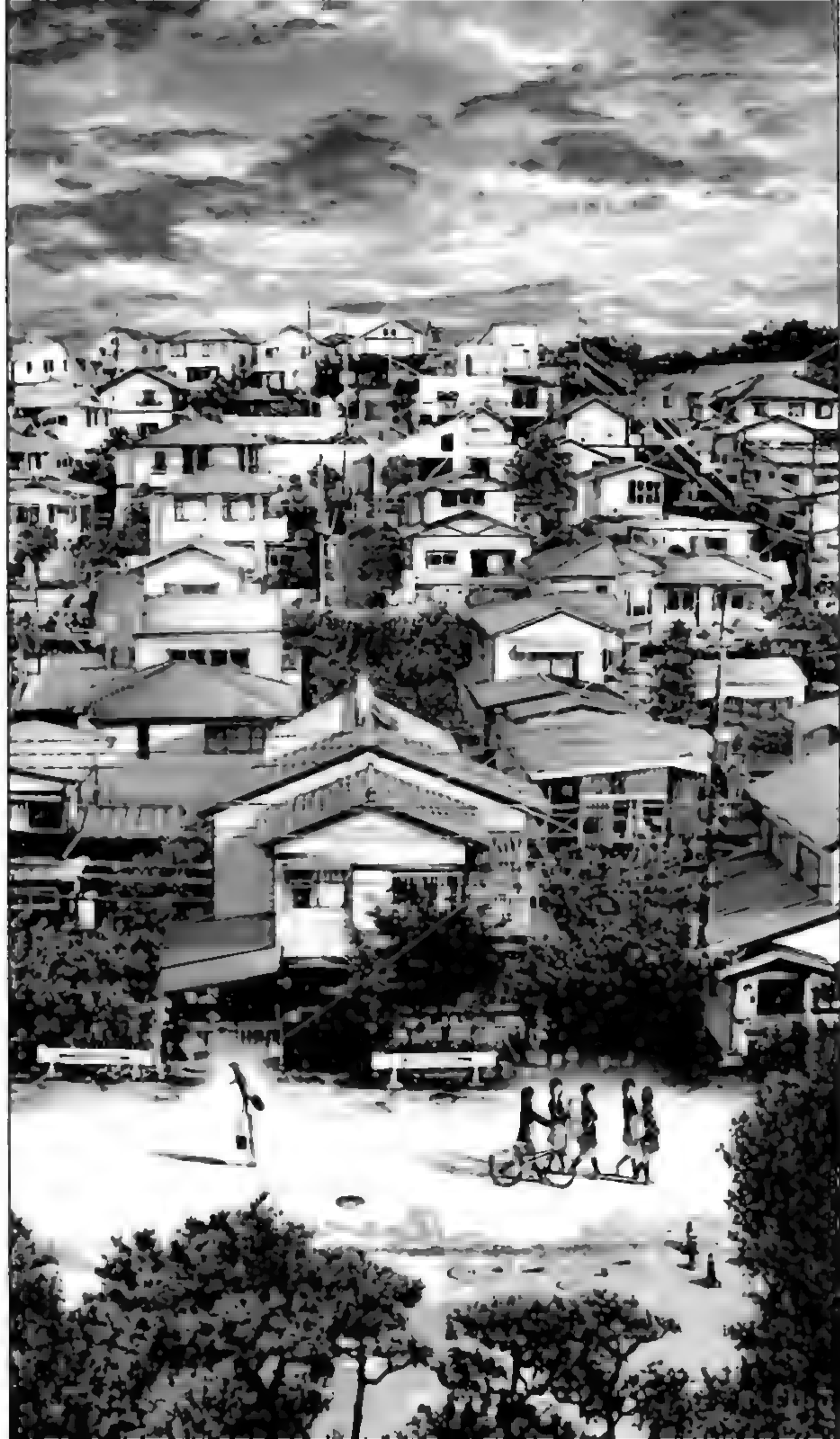




But
 instead,
 Punpun's
 head was
 empty.

Just like
 the sky
 after a
 typhoon.

Or
 that was
 what was
 supposed
 to
 happen.





Punpun was
a little
indignant at
how selfish it
was being.

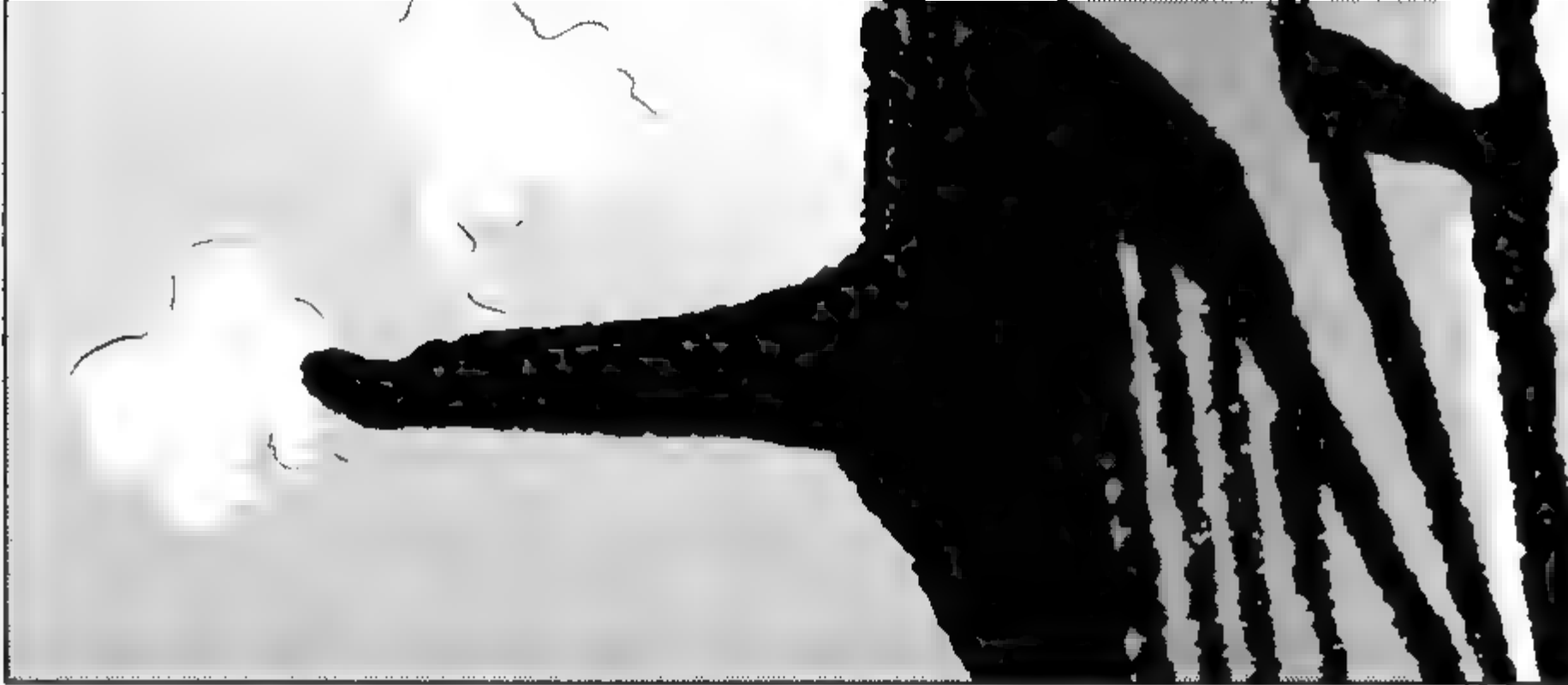
The sun was
brazenly
painting the
sky red.



...and so
it ended
up just
wavering.

...Punpun's
ever-growing
shadow had
nowhere left
to go...

With the sun
thoughtlessly
pushing
against his
back...



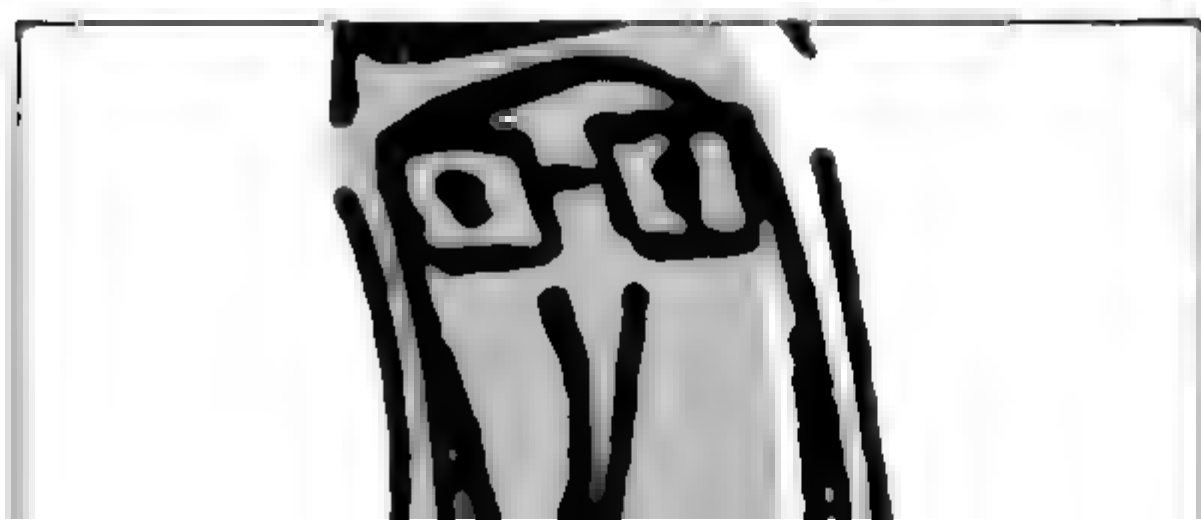
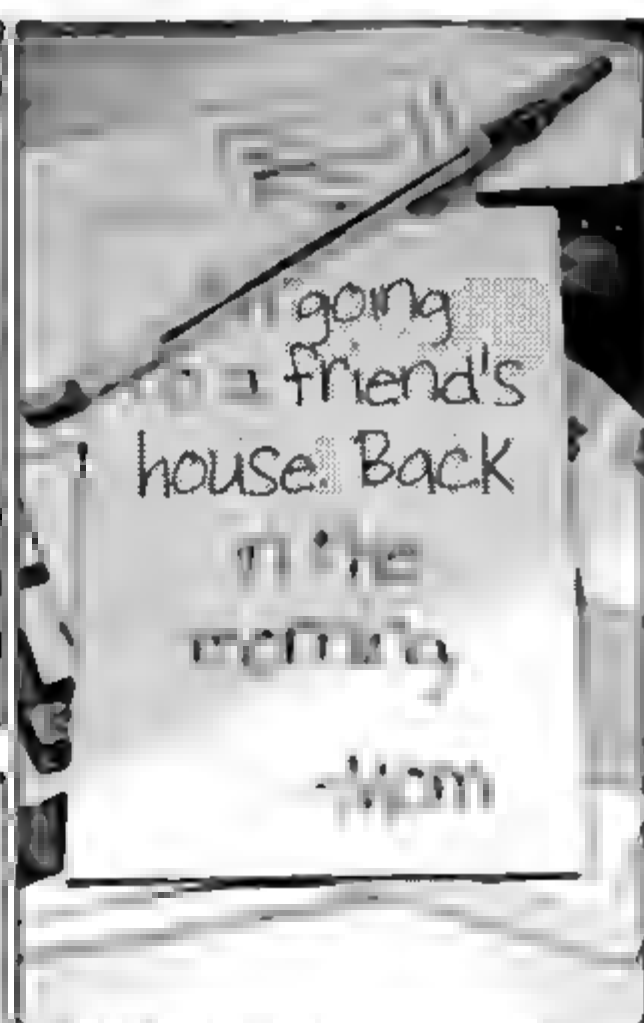
Punpun
asked his
shadow.

"What
are you
doing?"



...and
slowly
seeped
into
Punpun's
heart.

The
question
fluttered
futilely
through
the air...





...Punpun
thought,
maybe
there was
somewhere
else.

Somewhere
far away,
where he was
supposed to
be.

Instead
of this
boring,
stupid
place...



...what
he was
doing
or why
he was
there.

Punpun
no longer
knew...



Either that...

...or dead.



If
that
was
the
case...

...it
simpli-
fied
things.



From now on, whatever happened, Punpun wouldn't rely on anyone else. He'd have a good life all by himself.



Punpun hangs in there! He isn't the sort to give up in the face of adversity!

No, that's not right!

He's got character!

He's an intellectual!



...was going to have a good life.

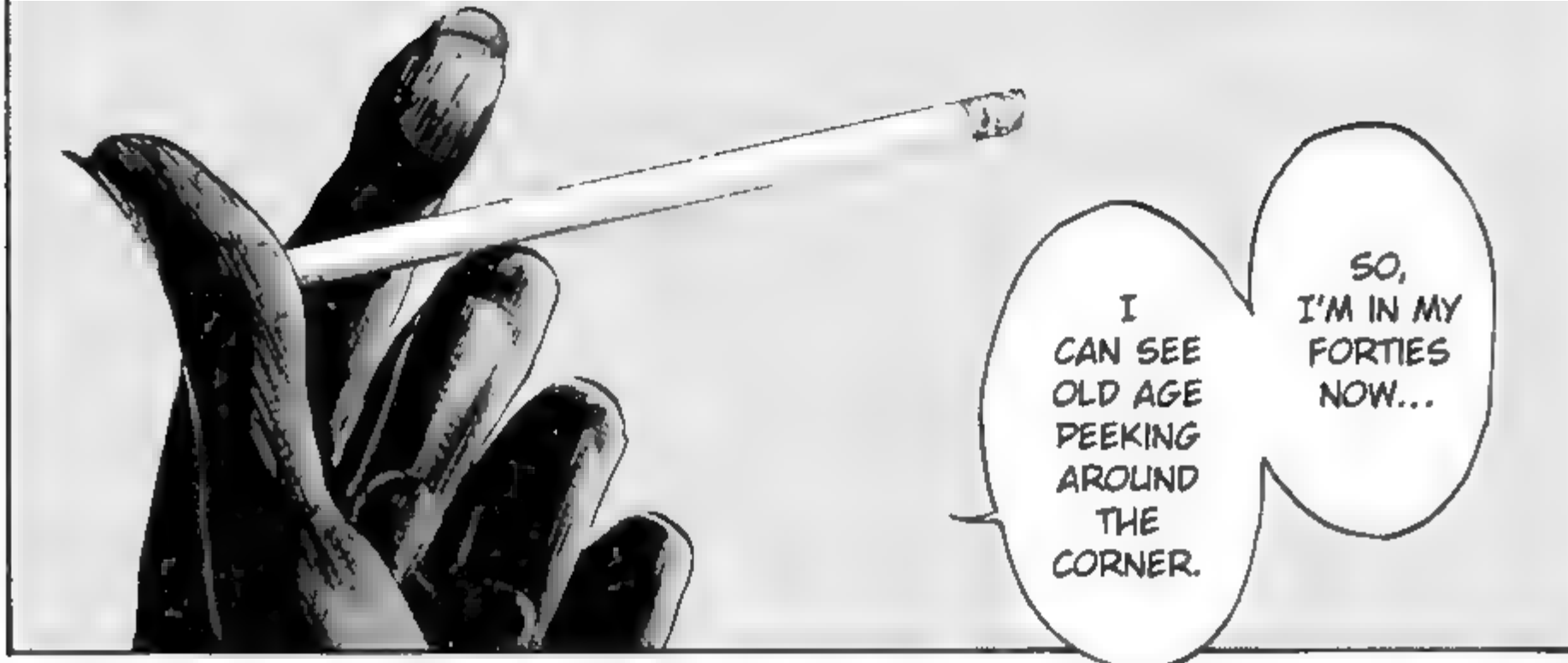
Punpun...





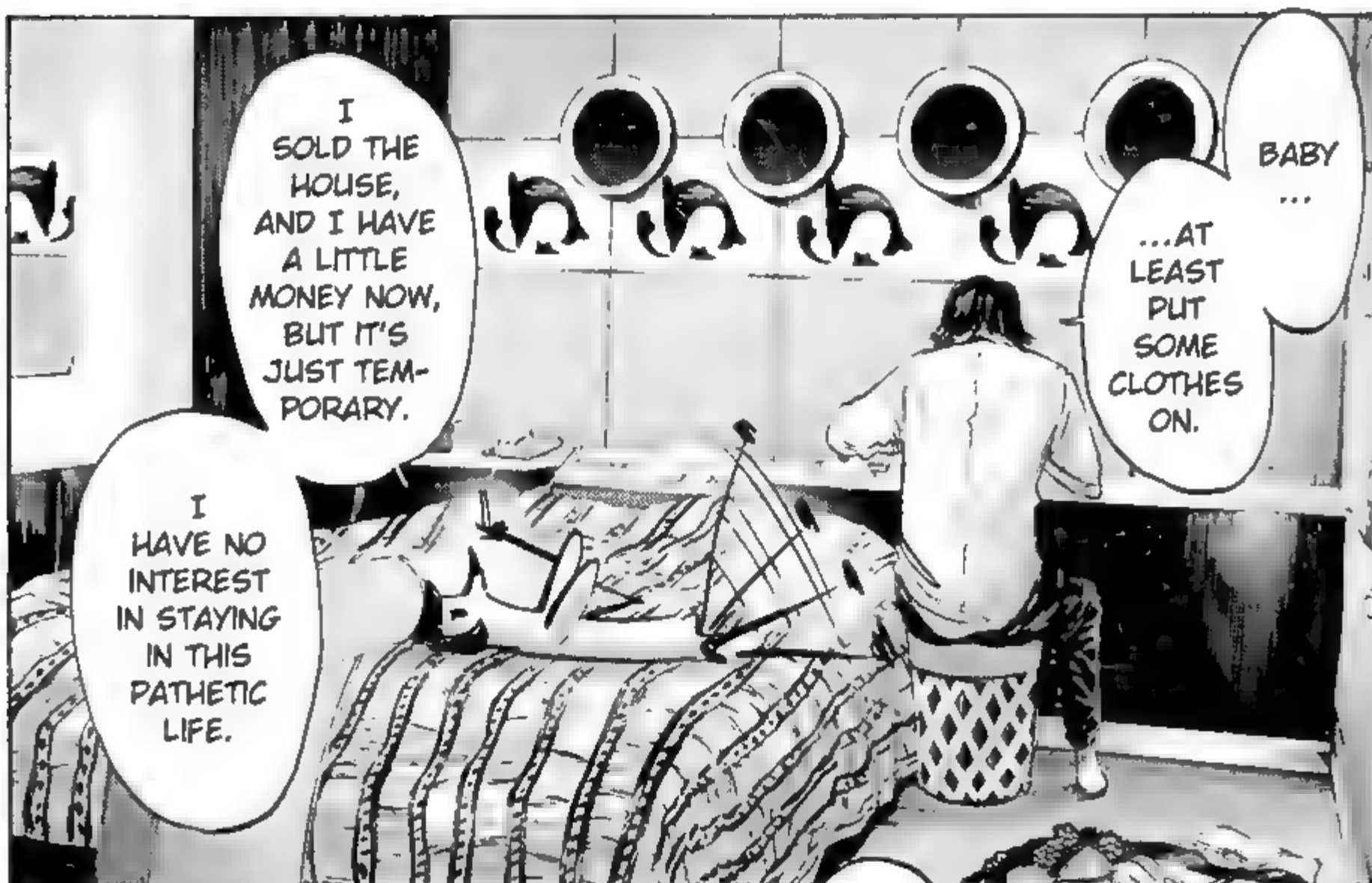






I
CAN SEE
OLD AGE
PEEKING
AROUND
THE
CORNER.

SO,
I'M IN MY
FORTIES
NOW...



I
SOLD THE
HOUSE,
AND I HAVE
A LITTLE
MONEY NOW,
BUT IT'S
JUST TEM-
PORARY.

I
HAVE NO
INTEREST
IN STAYING
IN THIS
PATHETIC
LIFE.

...AT
LEAST
PUT
SOME
CLOTHES
ON.

BABY
...



DID YOU
THINK I
WAS
GOING
TO SAY
"LEAVE
YOUR
WIFE"?!
STOP
IT.

STOP
IT.

OH,
WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
LOOK?!

DON'T
LUMP ME
TOGETHER
WITH ALL
THOSE
OTHER
STUPID
WOMEN.











...SO I'M
THINKING
ABOUT MORE
INANITIES
THAN USUAL.

IT'S
STAYING
ALWAYS
THERE...

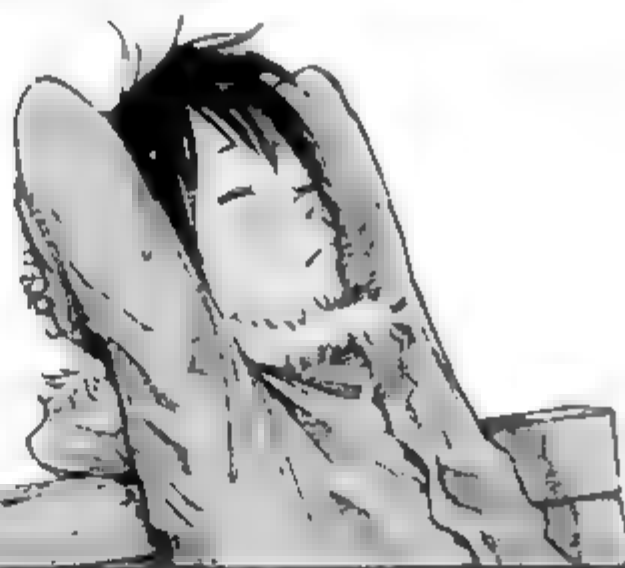
PEOPLE
ARE
FREE.

WELL,
THEY
CAN'T FLY
ON THEIR
OWN...

...BUT PRETTY
MUCH WHATEVER
THEY CAN THINK
UP, THEY CAN
MAKE HAPPEN.



WHEN
THEY'RE
SLEEPY,
THEY CAN
SLEEP.



AND THE ONLY
REASON THEY DON'T
IS BECAUSE THINGS
LIKE SOCIAL NORMS,
LAWS, TRADITIONS
AND SENTIMENT GET
IN THE WAY.

THEY'RE FREE
TO START OR
QUIT WHATEVER
THEY'RE DOING
WHENEVER THEY
WANT.











I
REALLY
WANT...

...MONEY.



I'M SO
HUNGRY.
I'VE BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT THE
STUPIDEST
THINGS.

THEY SAY
POVERTY
DULLS THE
WIT...



NOT
VERY
MUCH.



SHIMIZU
...



HEY, IT'S
A SCHOOL
DAY. WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?

OH...

...DO
YOU
HAVE
ANY
MONEY?



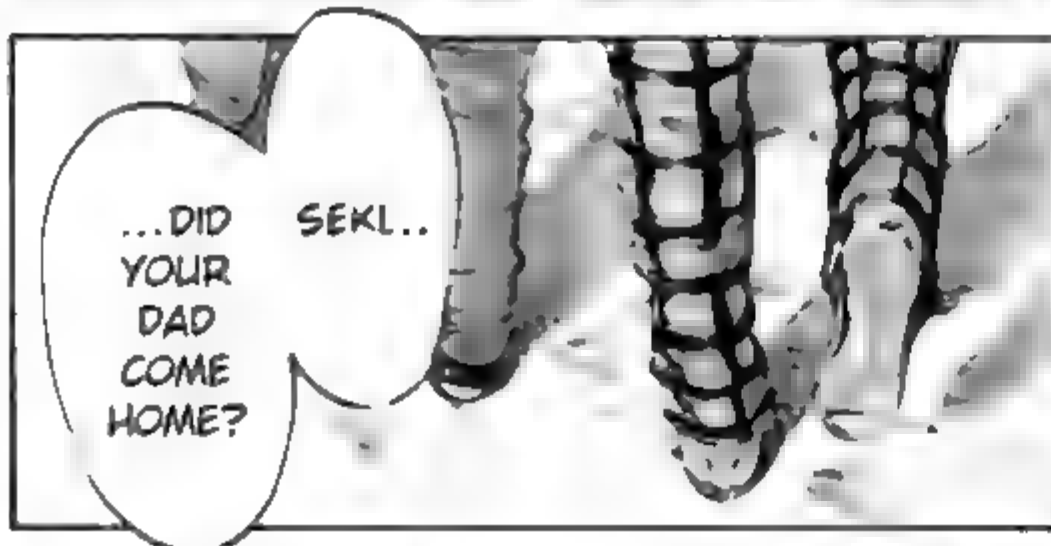
YOU COME
HANG OUT
WITH ME
WAY TOO
MUCH.

OF
COURSE
NOT...



WOW,
MIDTERMS
ALREADY?
SO YOU'RE
DOING OKAY
IN SCHOOL?

WE HAD
MIDTERMS
TODAY.
GOT OUT
EARLY.



...DID
YOUR
DAD
COME
HOME?

SEKL..



THEN THE
ENTIRE
FAMILY
WILL BE
HOMELESS.
HA HA HA!

IF THIS
ROUND OF
FUND-RAISING
DOESN'T
WORK, THE
COURTS MIGHT
ACTUALLY
TAKE OUR
HOUSE THIS
TIME.

NOPE,
NO SIGN
OF HIM.



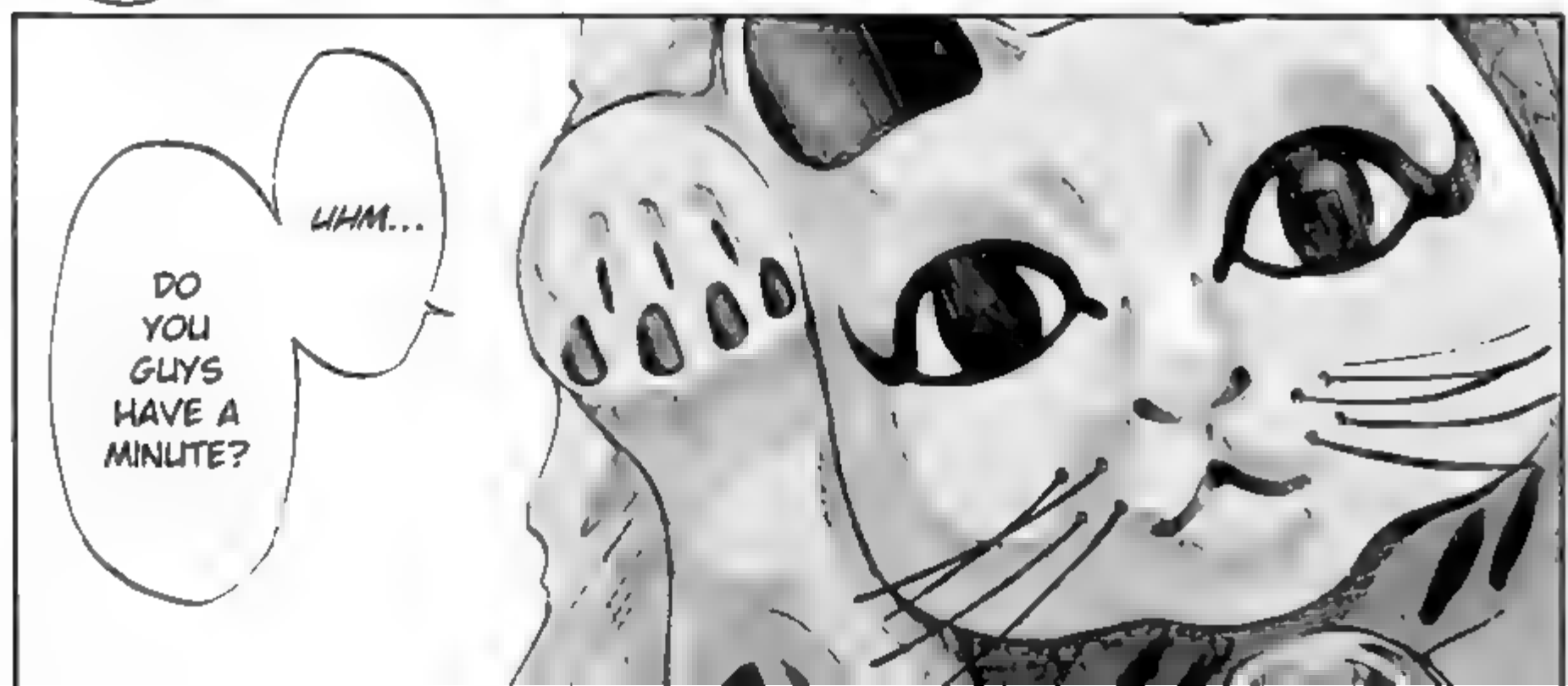
MAYBE
SOMEONE
DROPPED A
WALLET.

YOU
WANT
TO WALK
FOR A
WHILE?

...



SEKI,
AREN'T
YOU HOT
IN THAT
COAT?





...CHILDREN
IN NEED OF
MONEY?

ARE YOU
BY ANY
CHANCE...



WE
ARE.



IT'S
AT A
PROPERTY
WE
MANAGE.

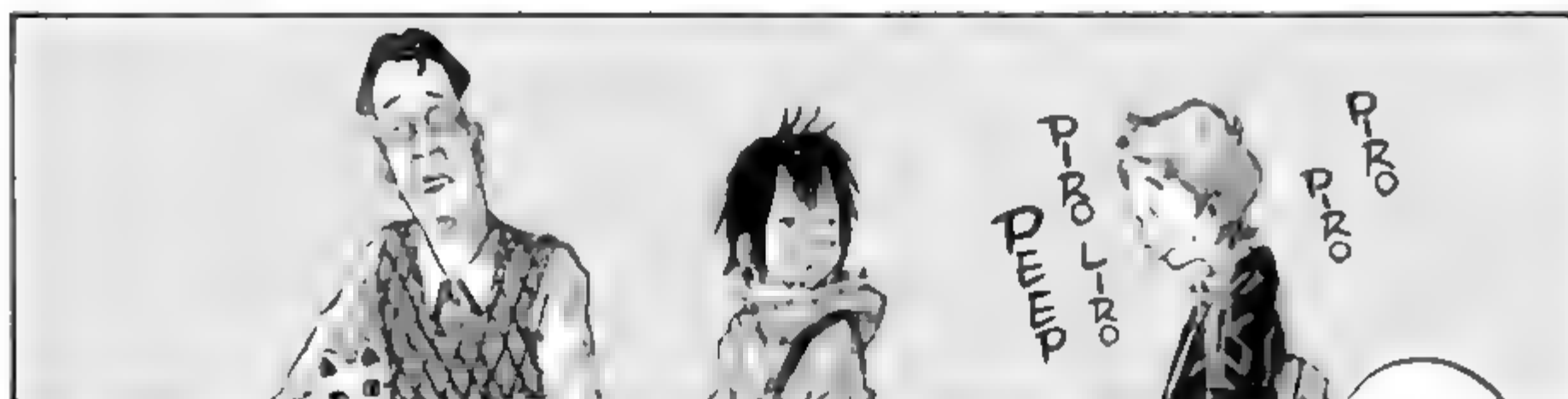
IT'S
PRETTY
MESSED
UP, AND
WE NEED
HELP.



...A
JOB
FOR
YOU.

I
HAVE...







I'LL DO
PRETTY
MUCH
ANYTHING.

THAT'S
RIGHT.

YEAH
...



OH
YEAH,
I KNOW
WHERE
THAT IS.

WE
SHOULD
MEET TO
DISCUSS THE
TERMS, SO
IF YOU WANT
TO PICK A
PLACE ..

NO,
TODAY
IS
FINE ..



YOU CAN
CLEAN BY
YOURSELF,
RIGHT?

HEHE?



IT'S
ABOUT
TIME YOU
BECAME
INDEPEN-
DENT.



OKAY,
I'M BOR-
ROWING
YOUR
PHONE

WE'LL
MEET
AT THE
PARK
WHEN
WE'RE
DONE





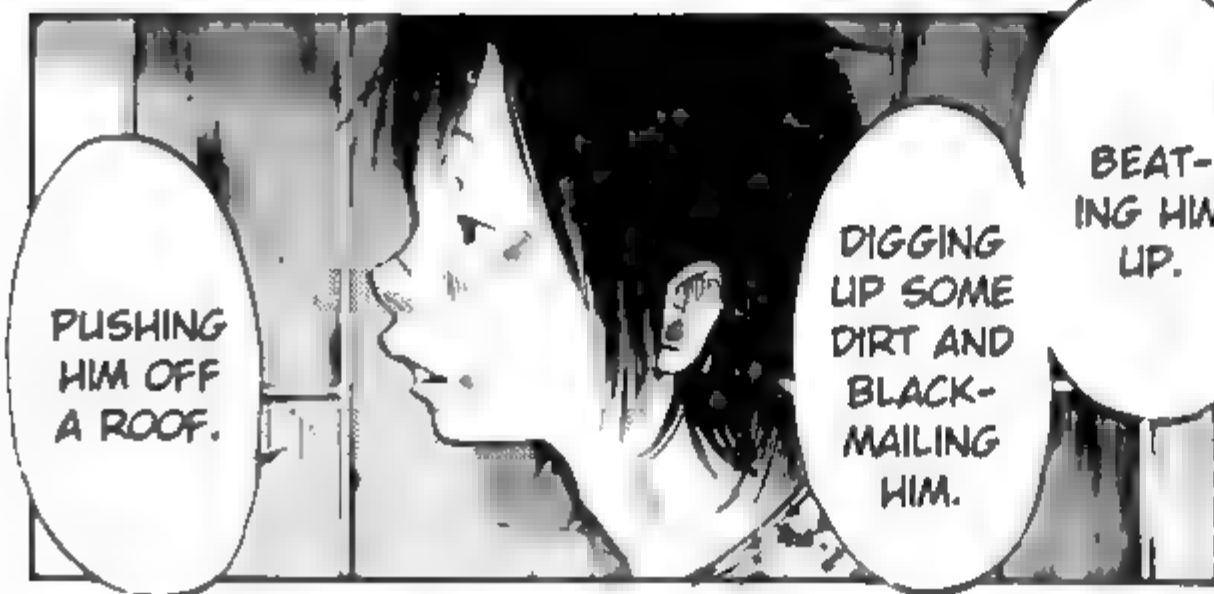
I WANT REVENGE.



I WROTE DOWN HIS DAILY SCHEDULE. IT'S IN THE ENVELOPE...

HERE'S YOUR FEE, PLUS EXTRA FOR EXPENSES.

...SO YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE FINDING HIM.



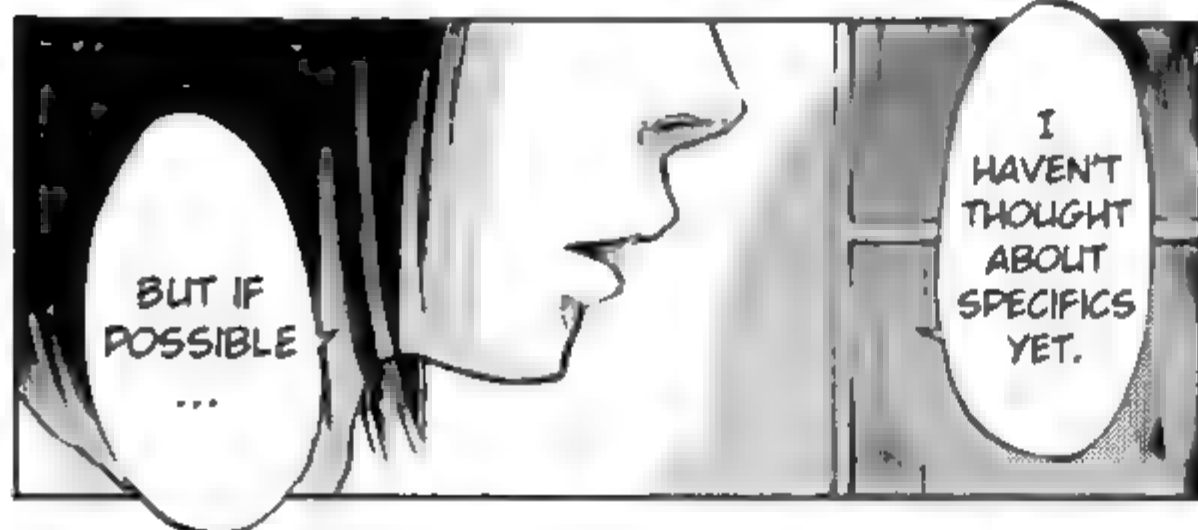
PUSHING
HIM OFF
A ROOF.

DIGGING
UP SOME
DIRT AND
BLACK-
MAILING
HIM.

BEAT-
ING HIM
UP.

SO
THERE ARE
DEGREES
OF
REVENGE.

UHM...



BUT IF
POSSIBLE
...

I
HAVEN'T
THOUGHT
ABOUT
SPECIFICS
YET.



...THAT
HE'LL
NEVER BE
ABLE TO
RECOVER.

...I WANT
HIS LIFE
TO BE SO
MESSED
UP...



BUT HOW
DO YOU
KNOW THIS
GUY?

JUST
OUT OF
CURIOSITY
...

AND
YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
ANSWER IF
YOU DON'T
WANT
TO...





I'M SURE
THE TWO OF
THEM ARE
DISCUSSING
THE PERFECT
VENUE NOW.



BUT...



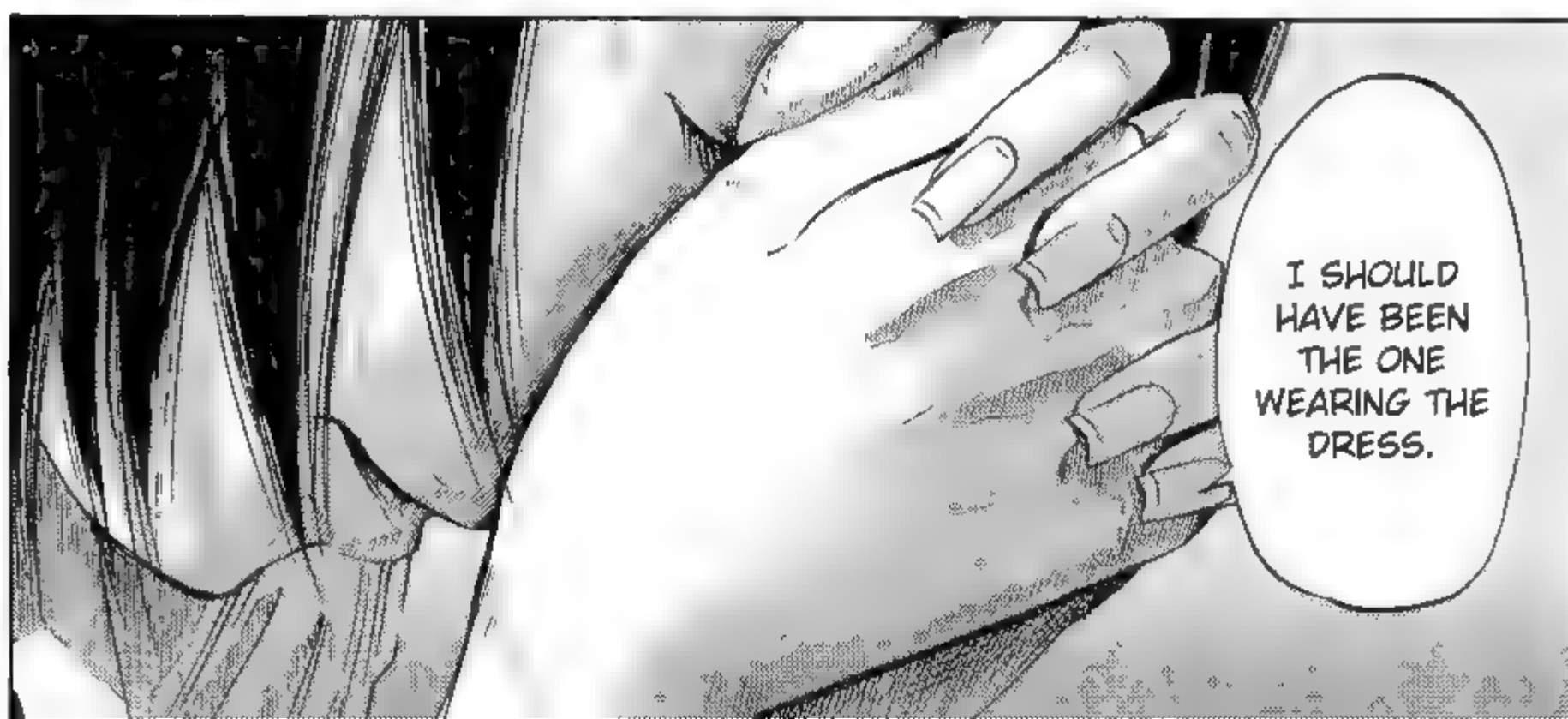
EVERYONE IN
THE COMPANY
KNOWS A
JUNIOR
MEMBER OF MY
DEPARTMENT
STOLE HIM
FROM ME.

DO YOU
THINK I
COULD'VE
CARRIED ON
AS USUAL? I
COULDN'T.



...TODAY
WOULD'VE
BEEN MY
WEDDING
DAY.

...IF WE
HADN'T
BROKEN
UP...

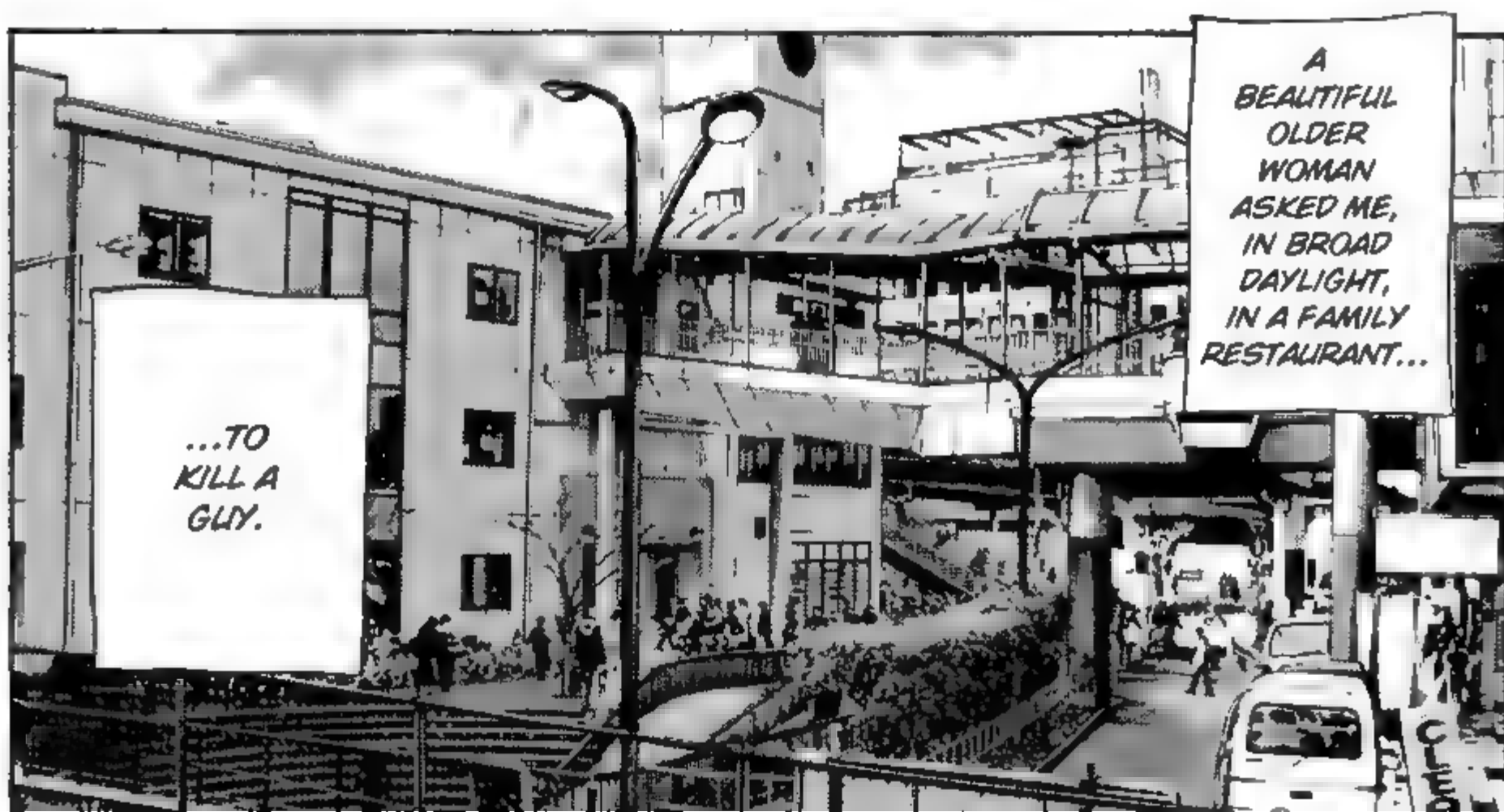


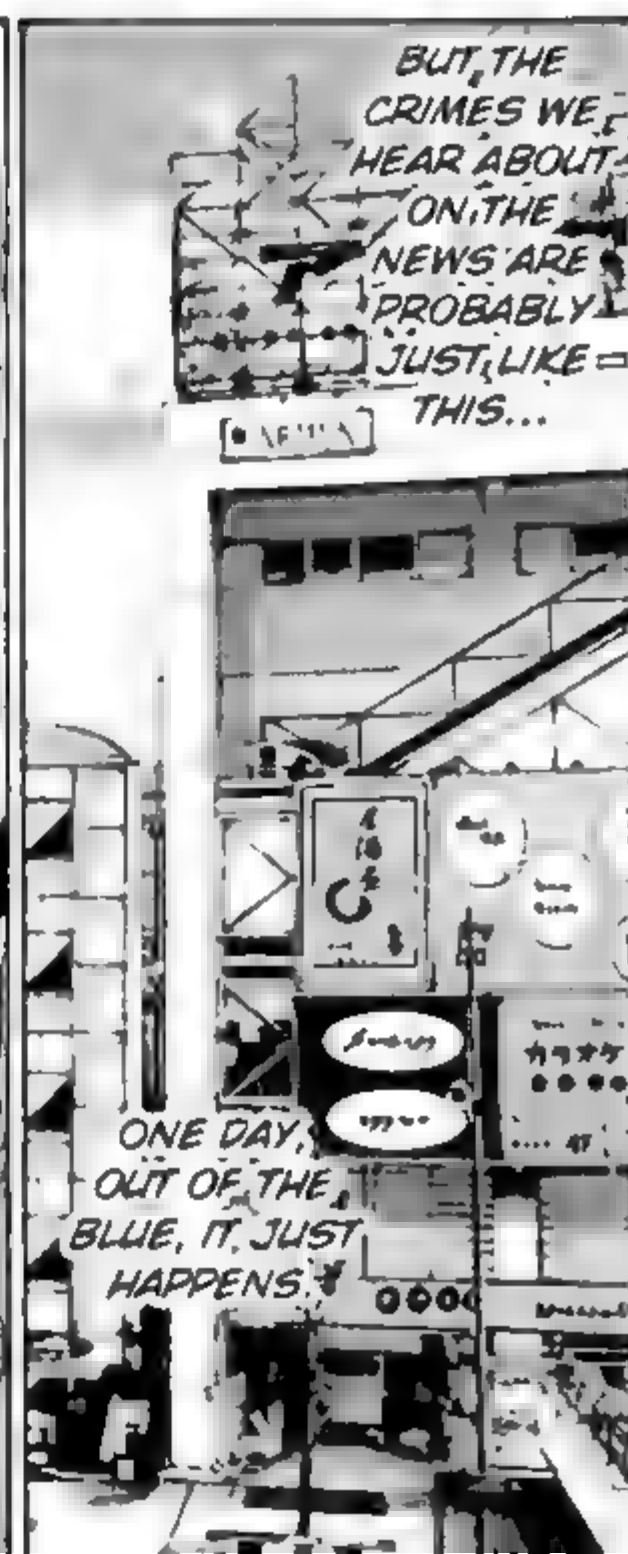
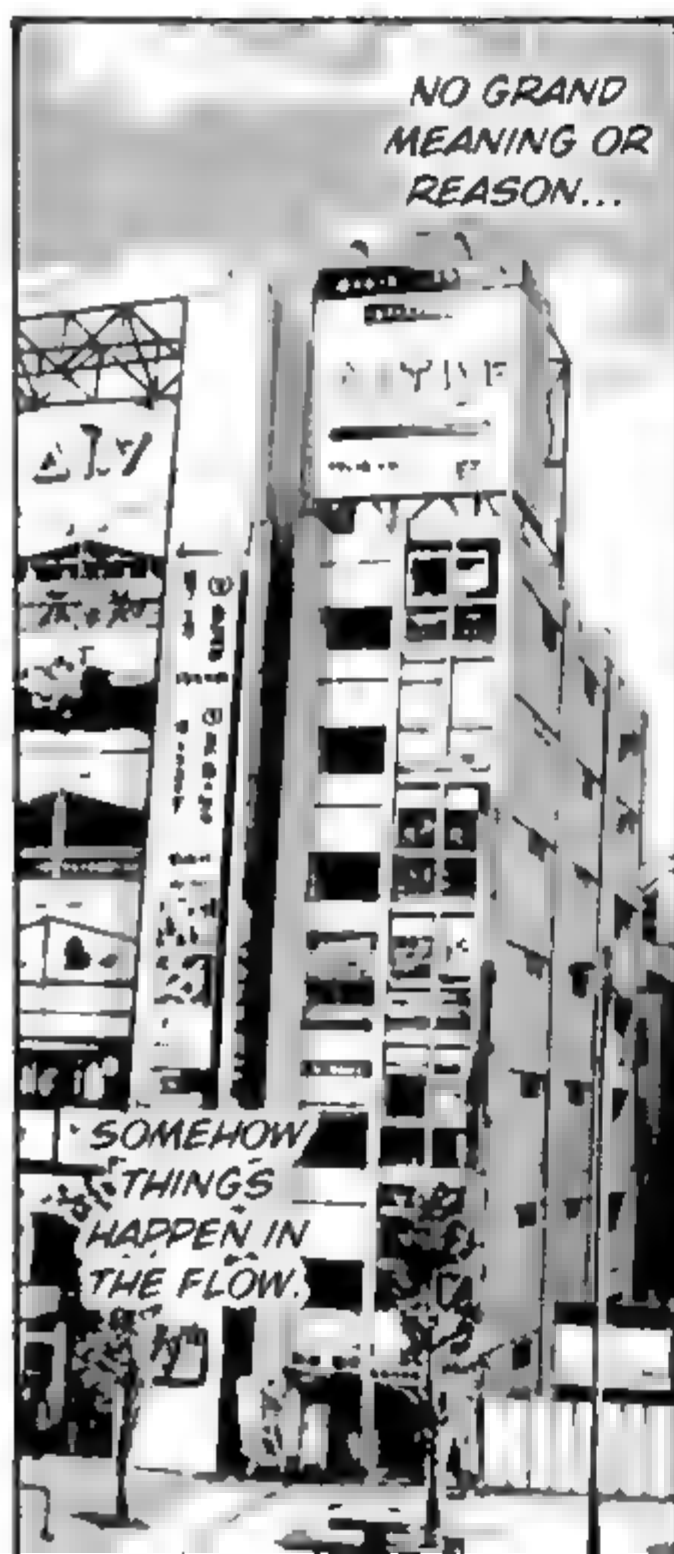
I SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
THE ONE
WEARING THE
DRESS.

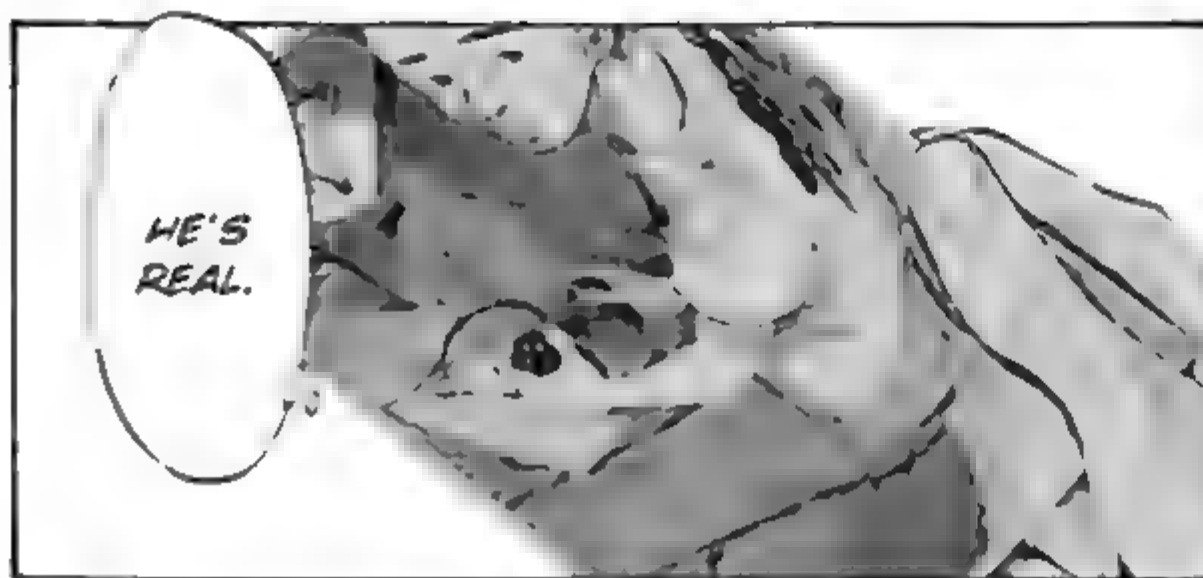


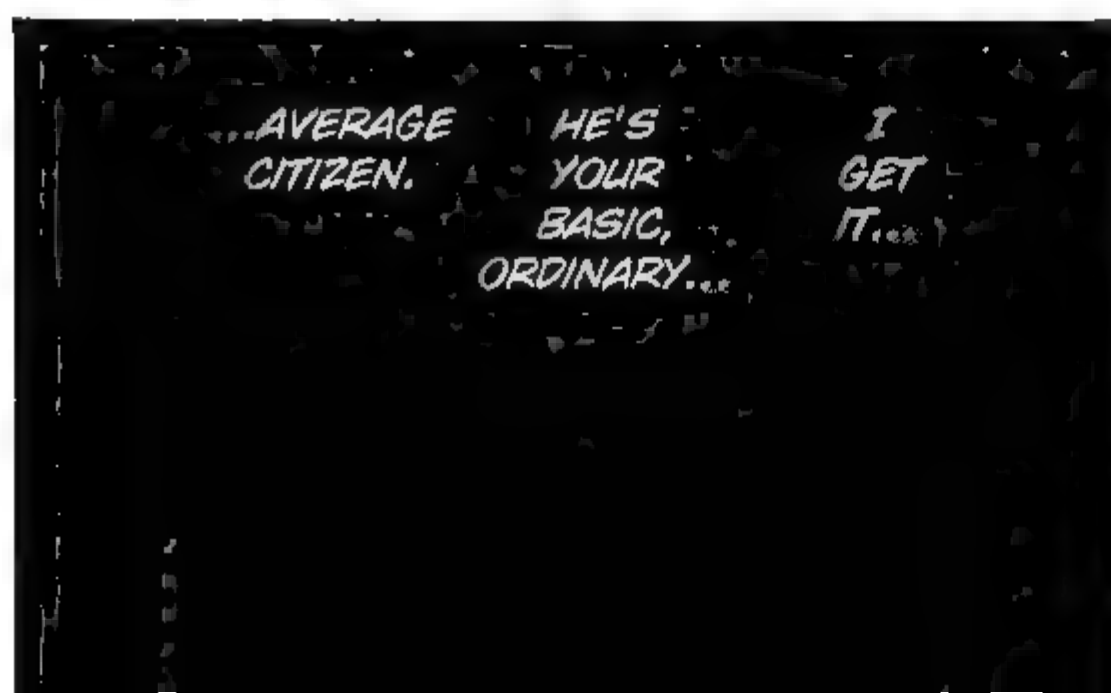














I DON'T
THINK HE'S
PARTICU-
LARLY BAD.



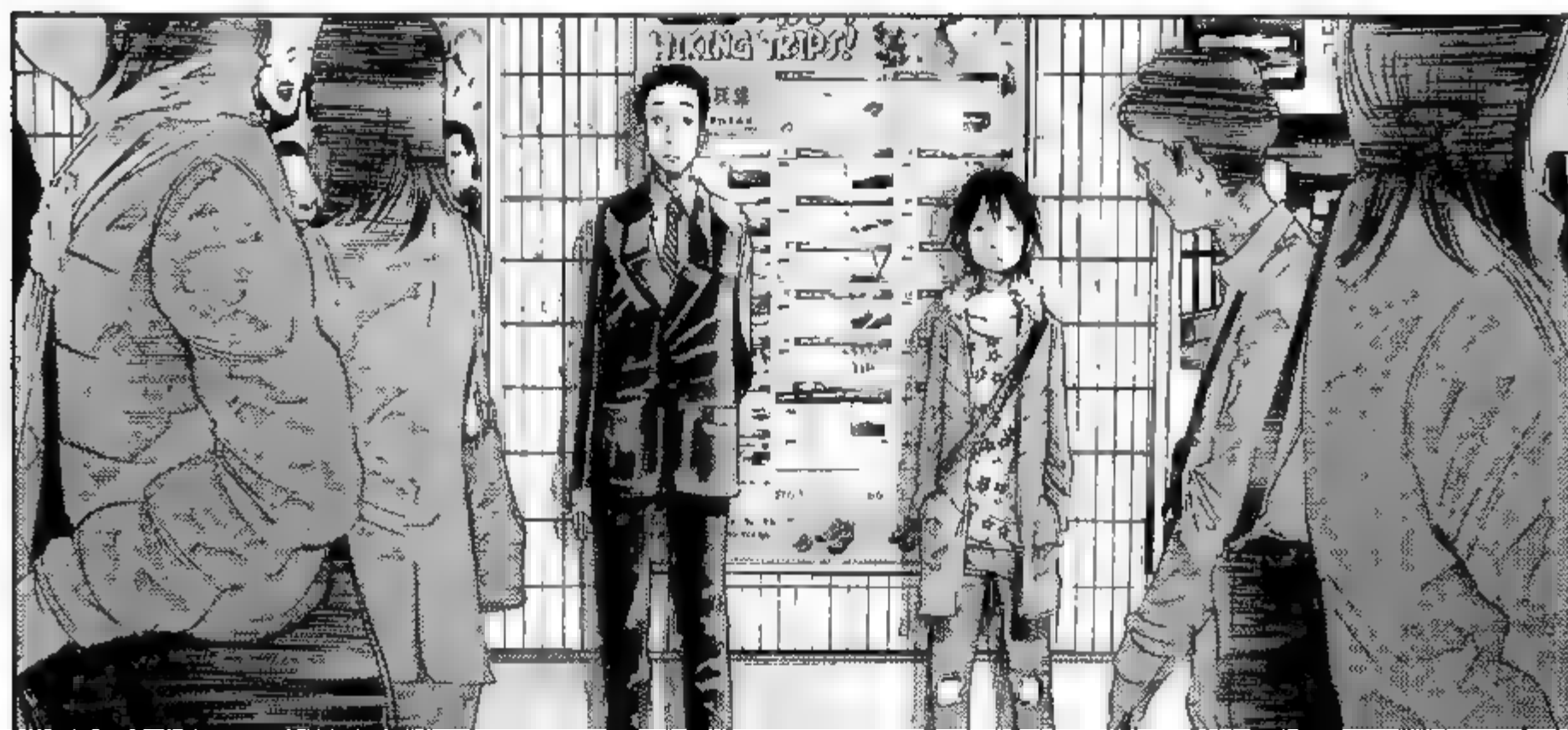
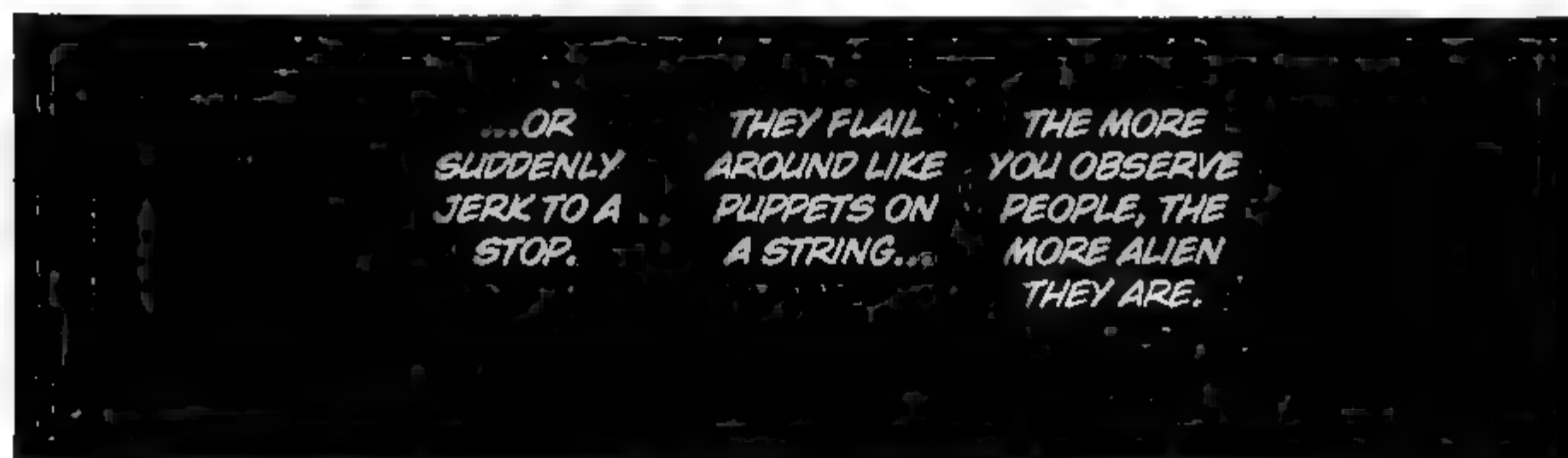
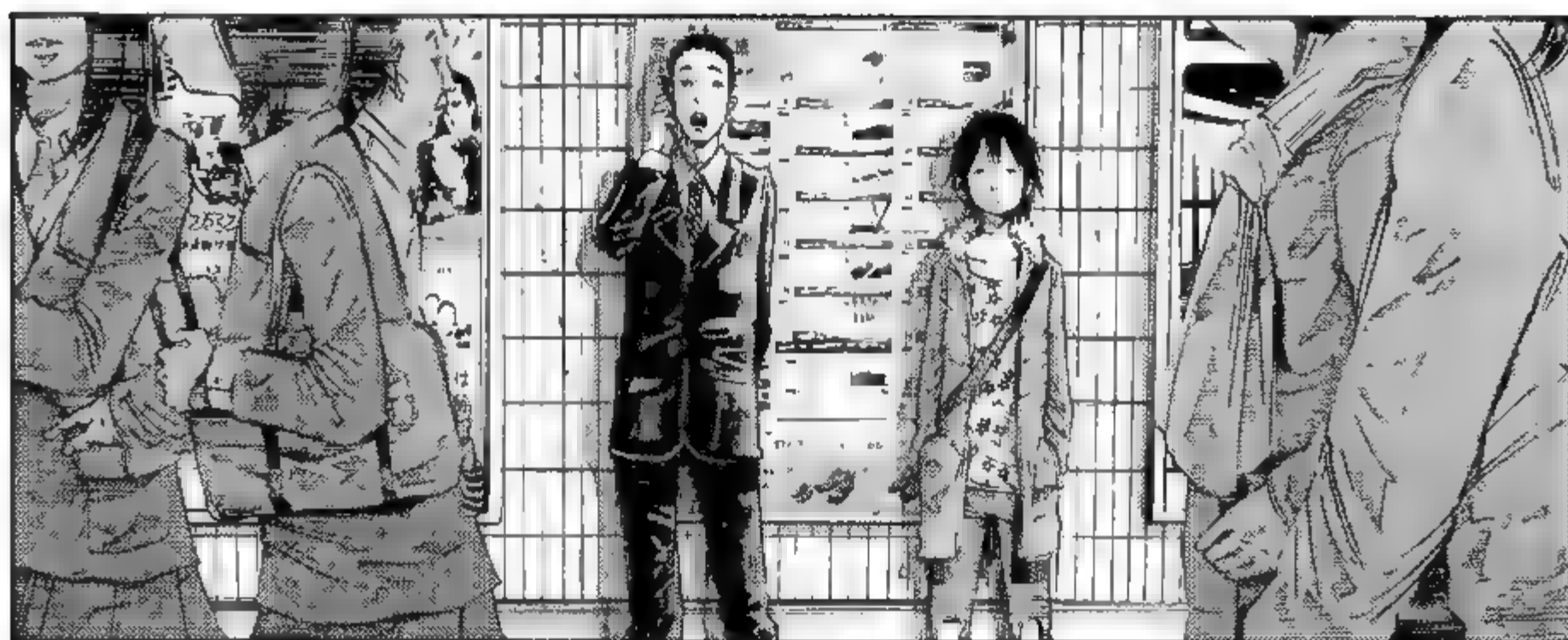
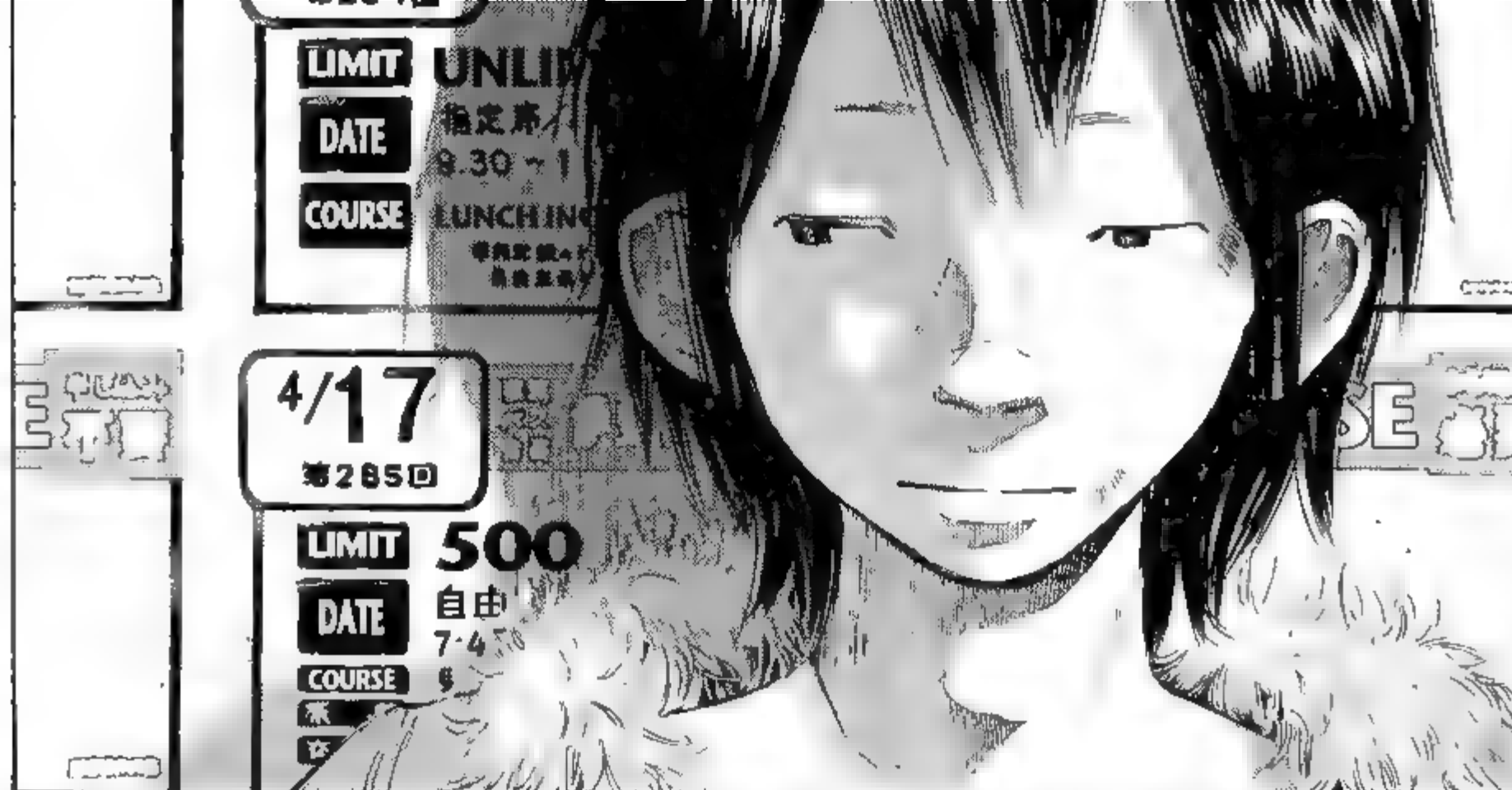
TRULY
RIGHTEOUS
PEOPLE
DON'T
EXIST.

OF
COURSE,
ON THE
SURFACE,
THAT WOMAN
SEEMS THE
SAME.



I'M
SURE...

...THEY'RE
JUST A
LITTLE OFF-
BALANCE...





...BUT I
DON'T THINK
A SINGLE
ONE IS
GENUINE.

THERE ARE
SO MANY
PEOPLE HERE
RIGHT NOW...

I
WONDER...



THEY'VE
LOST
SIGHT OF
WHO THEY
REALLY
ARE.

EMPTY
SHELLS,
EVERY
LAST ONE
OF THEM.



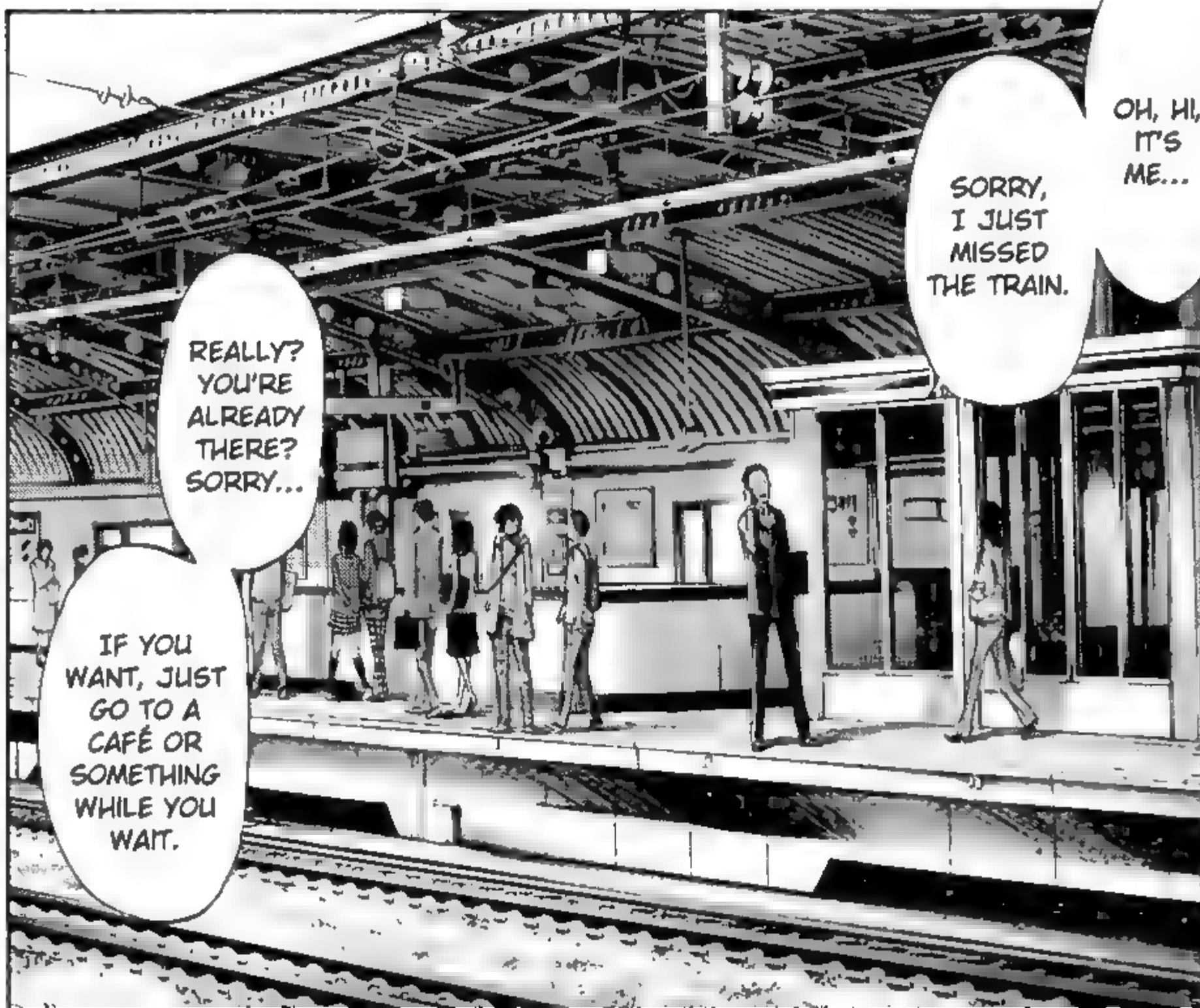
HOW DO I PROVE THAT I'M ME?
THAT'S TRUE FOR ME TOO.



AN ALL-SEEING,
ALL-KNOWING
ENTITY IS
SUCH A
CROCK.

"I CAN
SEE
GOD."

WHEN
WE WERE
LITTLE,
SHIMIZU
USED TO
SAY...



REALLY?
YOU'RE
ALREADY
THERE?
SORRY...

IF YOU
WANT, JUST
GO TO A
CAFÉ OR
SOMETHING
WHILE YOU
WAIT.

SORRY,
I JUST
MISSED
THE TRAIN.

OH, HI,
IT'S
ME...

...AND
SOMEHOW YOU
SURVIVE. IS
THAT BEING
HUMAN?

...YOU CREATE
A GOD TO CLING
TO, AND THEN
HEAP ALL YOUR
FEARS AND
RESPONSIBILITIES
ONTO HIM...

BECAUSE
YOU DON'T
KNOW WHO
YOU ARE...



...IS SO VIVID
AND ALIVE,
IT'S ALMOST
CREEPY.

...THE FEEL OF
THAT \$1,000
DEPOSIT IN MY
POCKET...

...OR
AT LEAST
FOR THIS
MOMENT...

UNFORTUNATELY,
TODAY...



THAT'S
ALL THERE
IS TO IT.

THERE'S
HIS BACK.
I PUSH IT.

PLEASE
WAIT
BEHIND
THE WHITE
LINE.

EXPRESS
TRAIN
COMING
THROUGH
ON
PLATFORM
1

NO
SENSE
OF
JUSTICE.

NO
SENSE
OF
MORAL.

THERE'S
NO REAL
SENSE OF
MORAL.

SO

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PEOPLE
ARE FREE,
RIGHT?

TRAIN WENT STOP

ON THE ANYTHING RESPONSIBLE, ALMOST A ST

THE
FACE
OF
THE

What?

TODAY
REALLY
IS...

...A
STUPID...

...NICE
DAY.











YOU
KNOW
HOW IT'S
BEEN SO
NICE AND
WARM
LATELY...

THERE
WAS A LOT OF
DECOMPOSI-
TION, AND THE
ROOM LOOKS
LIKE IT'S
COVERED IN
JELLY.

I
THINK
IT WAS
A SUB-
ARACH-
NOID
HEMOR-
RHAGE.

WELL,
HE
REALLY
DIED OF
LONELI-
NESS.



IT'S UP
TO YOU
WHAT YOU
BELIEVE
IN.

MAKES
YOU
THINK...



YOU CAN
SMILE ON
YOUR OWN
ALL YOU
WANT...

BUT
FAITH...

...BUT IN
THE END,
BEING
ALONE IS
JUST TOO
LONELY.

ESSEN-
TIALY, IT
ISN'T THE
POINT OF
LIVING,
IT'S JUST
A MEANS
OF LIVING,
RIGHT?



SEKL...



...YOU
IDIOT.









I GOT A CALL FROM MY DAD IN THE HOSPITAL.

SORRY!

... YOU'RE LATE.

HEY ...



HA HA, TELL HIM I'M WORKING ON IT...

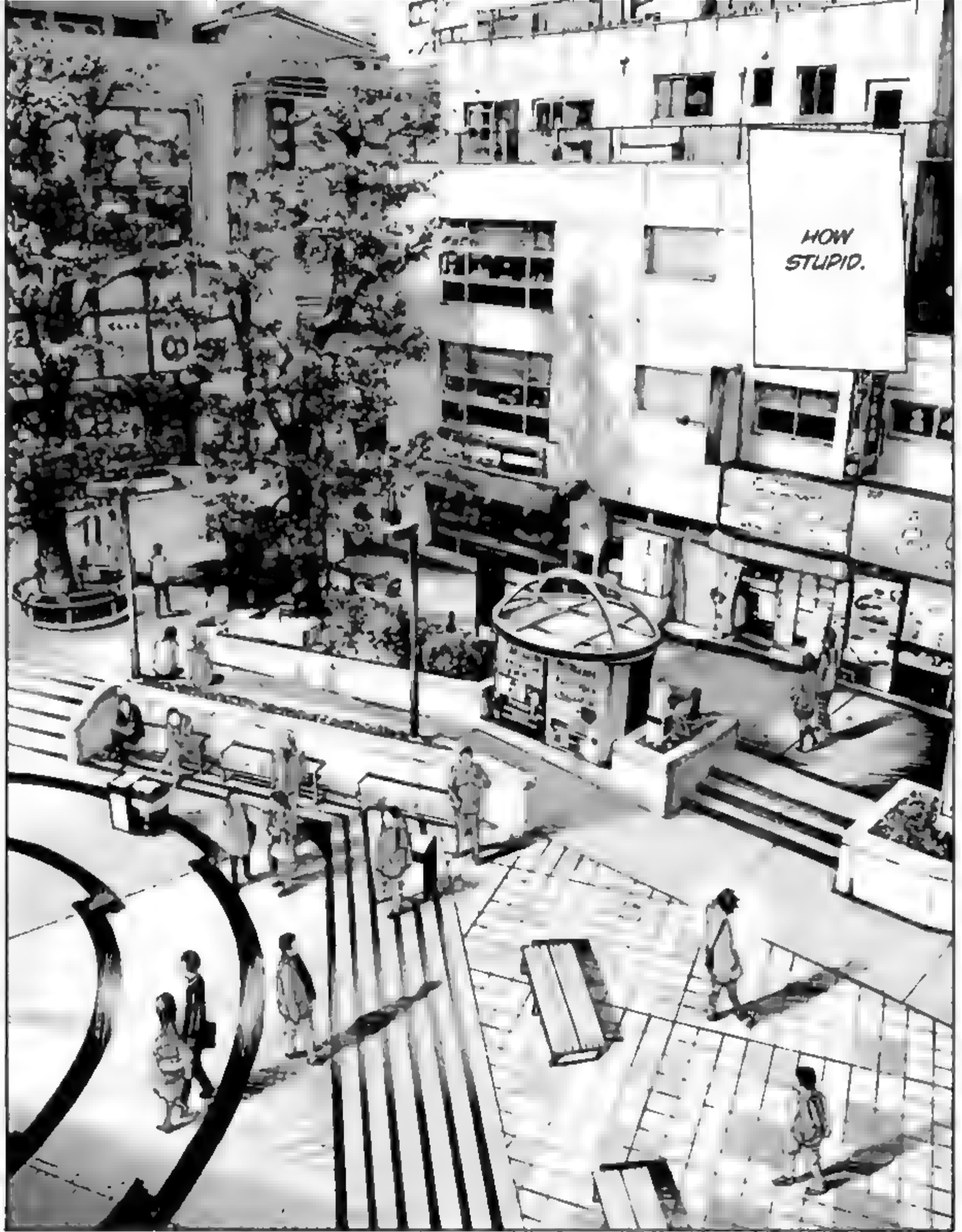
I TOLD HIM TO STOP BEING SILLY AND FOCUS ON GETTING BETTER.

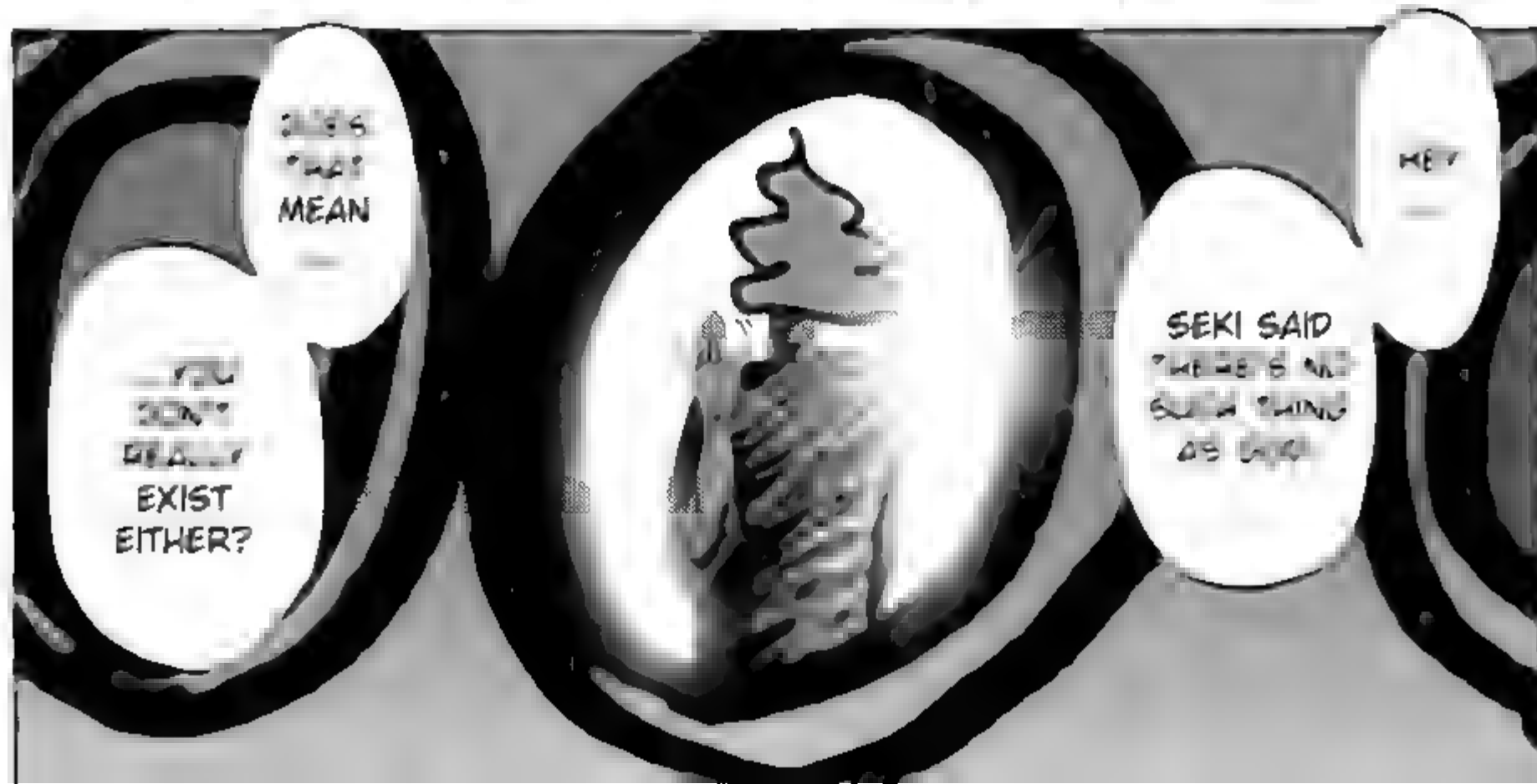
HE SAID, "I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT THINKING ABOUT SEEING MY GRANDKID'S FACE SOON!"



IT'S GREAT THAT YOUR DAD'S DOING BETTER.

IT'S A MIRACLE.







EVERYONE
HAS ONE
SOME-
WHERE
IN THEIR
HEARTS.

BUT
THERE
IS.

The universe
is crying!
-Toshiki



I...

I
WONDER
WHAT
YOU'RE
SEEING
RIGHT
NOW?



I CAN SEE
A HERD OF
PEGASUSES
GALLOPING
THROUGH
THE SKY.



BUT
THEY'RE
VERY
DIFFICULT
TO SEE
WITH YOUR
EYES...

...SO
YOU'RE
EXTREMELY
LUCKY.





I'M NOT
A CREEP,
I'M NOT
A CREEP!

WAIT,
WAIT.

OH,
OH,
OH...



I KNOW
THERE'S
SOMETHING
ONLY YOU
CAN DO.



ONE DAY
I STARTED
HEARING
STRANGE
MELODIES
IN MY
DREAMS.



BY
WRITING THEM
DOWN AND
ANALYZING
THEM, I WAS
ABLE TO
ACCESS THE
FUTURE.



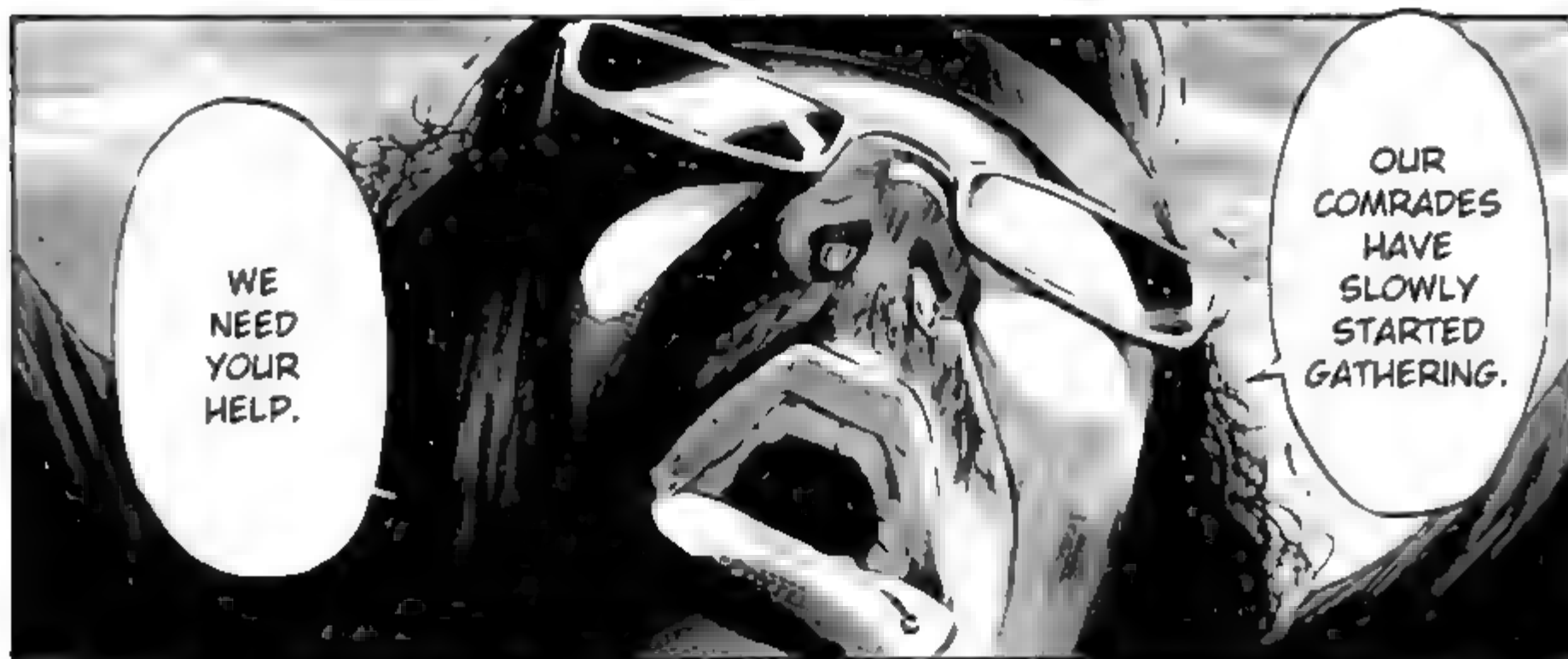
LISTEN
TO ME...

WE
ARE THE
CHOSEN
PEOPLE.



...THE
EARTH
WILL BE
DESTROYED.

IF WE
GO ON LIKE
THIS, IN FIVE
YEARS' TIME,
ON JULY 7...



WE
NEED
YOUR
HELP.

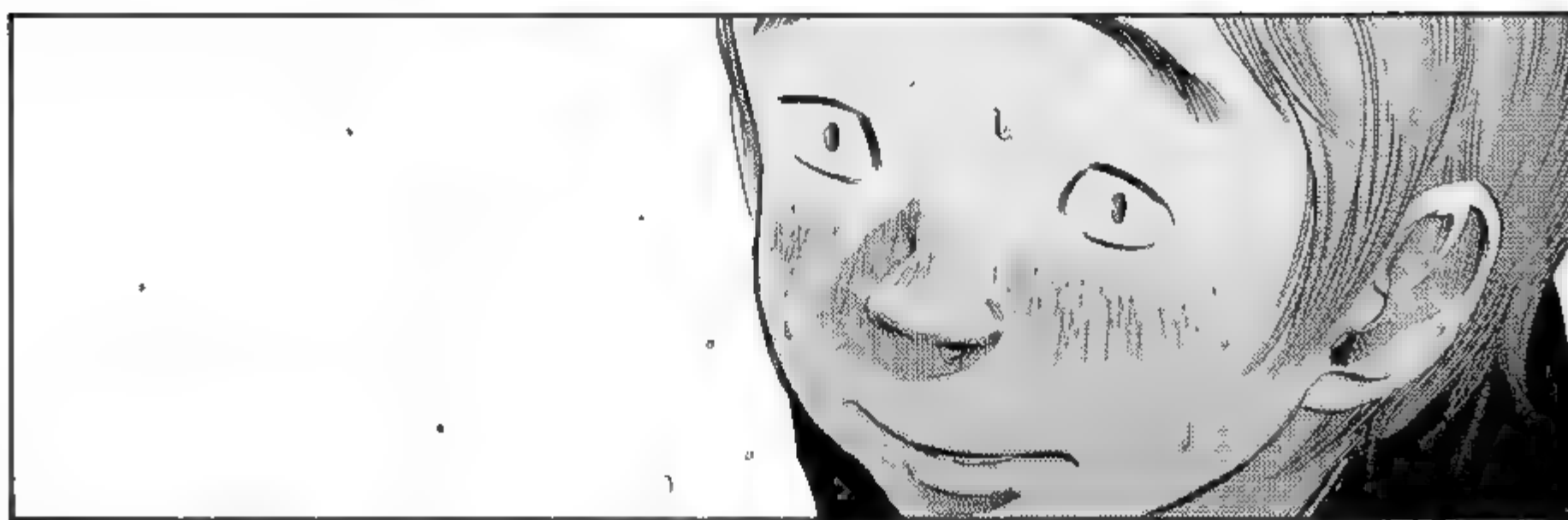
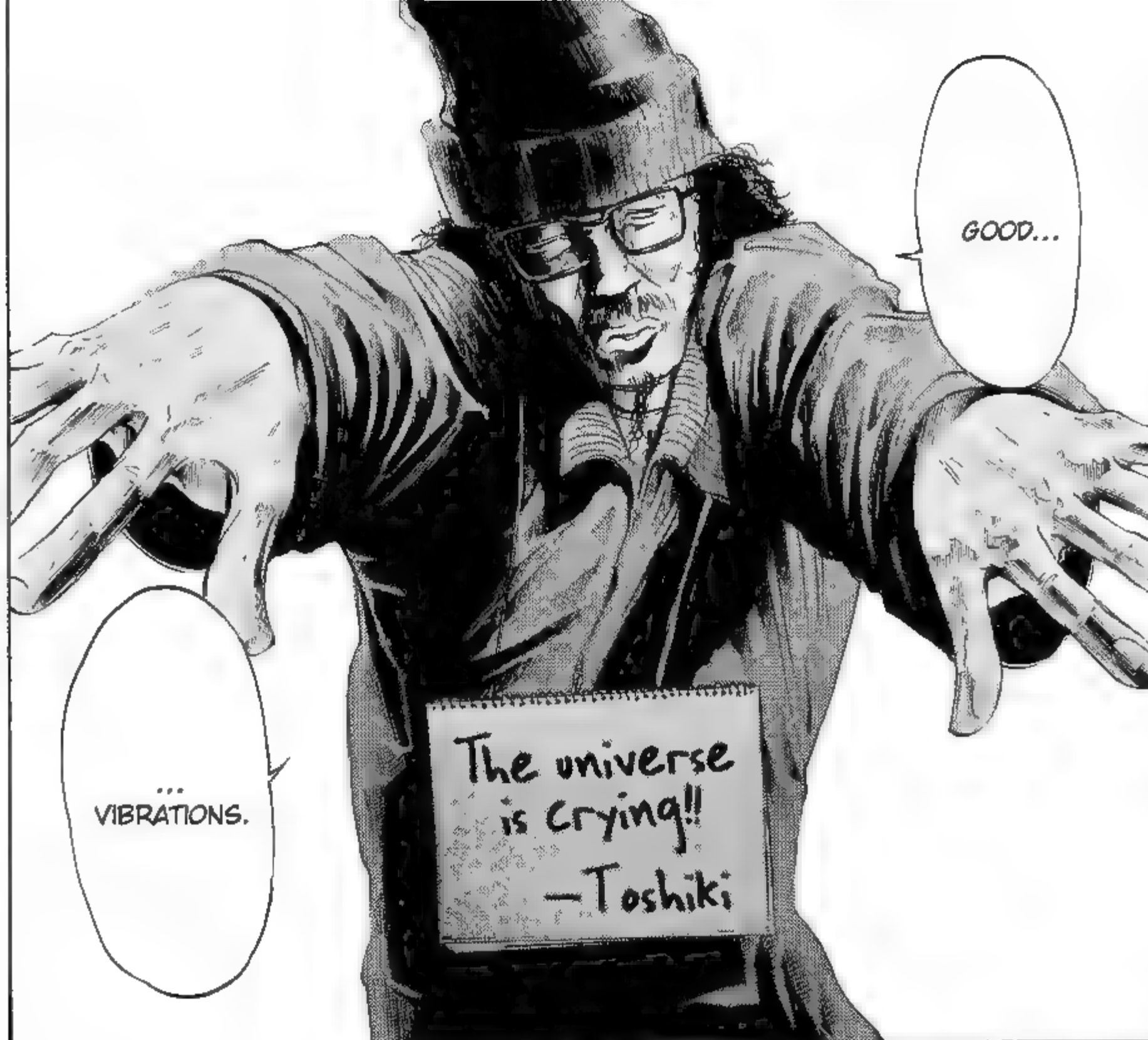
OUR
COMRADES
HAVE
SLOWLY
STARTED
GATHERING.



FOR LOVE
AND PEACE
AND THE
PURSUIT OF
HUMANITY.

OUR
VIBRATIONS
ARE
POWERFULLY
MATCHED
AS PERFECT
FIFTHS.

WILL
YOU
COME
WITH
ME?



SO WHY
DID I COME
BACK?

I COULD'VE
JUST TAKEN
THE MONEY
AND RUN...

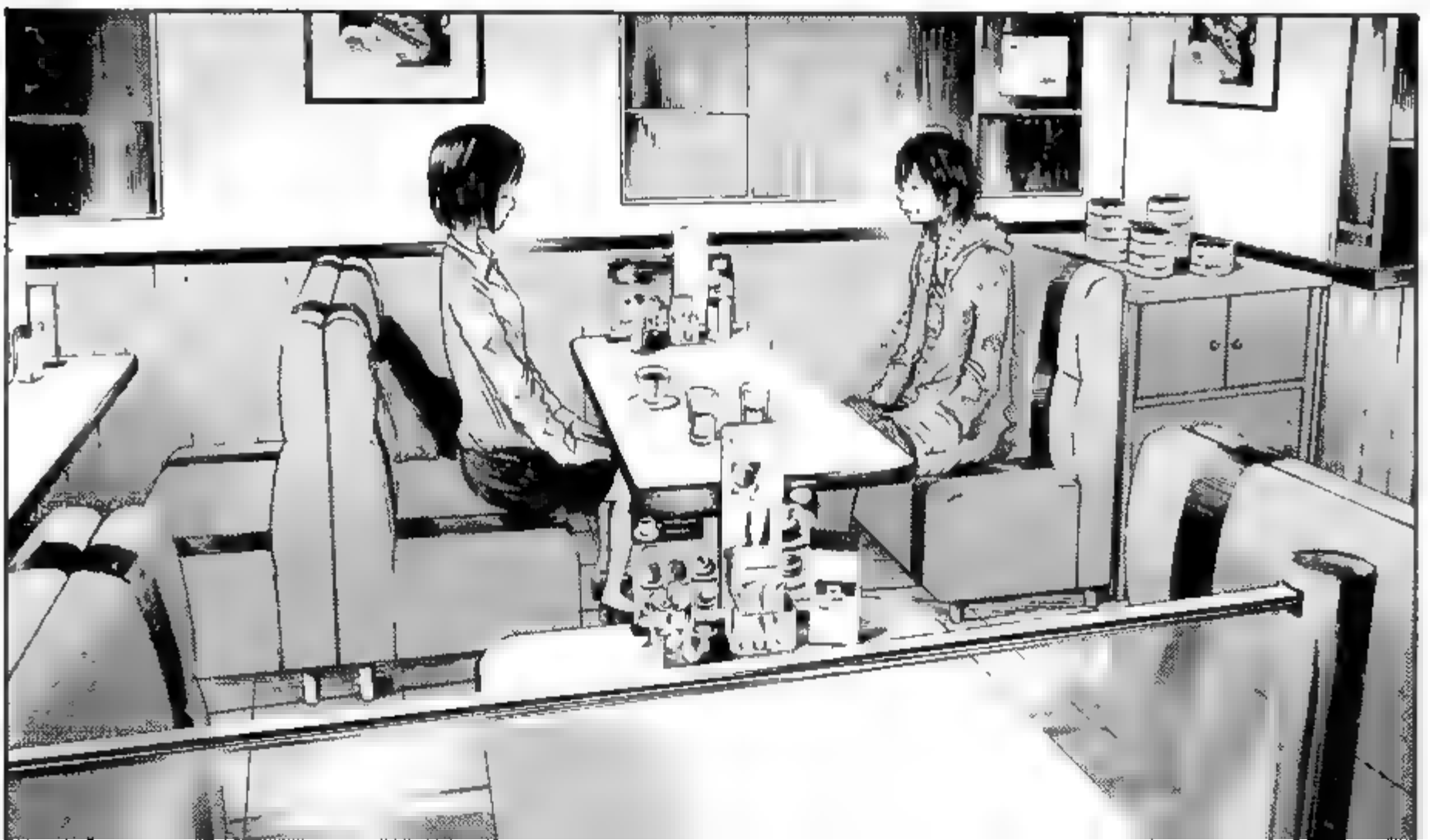
WHATEVER...



SHE
WANTS
TO DIE
ANYWAY.



I
COULD
TELL HER A
BUNCH OF
LIES AND
TAKE ALL
HER MONEY.





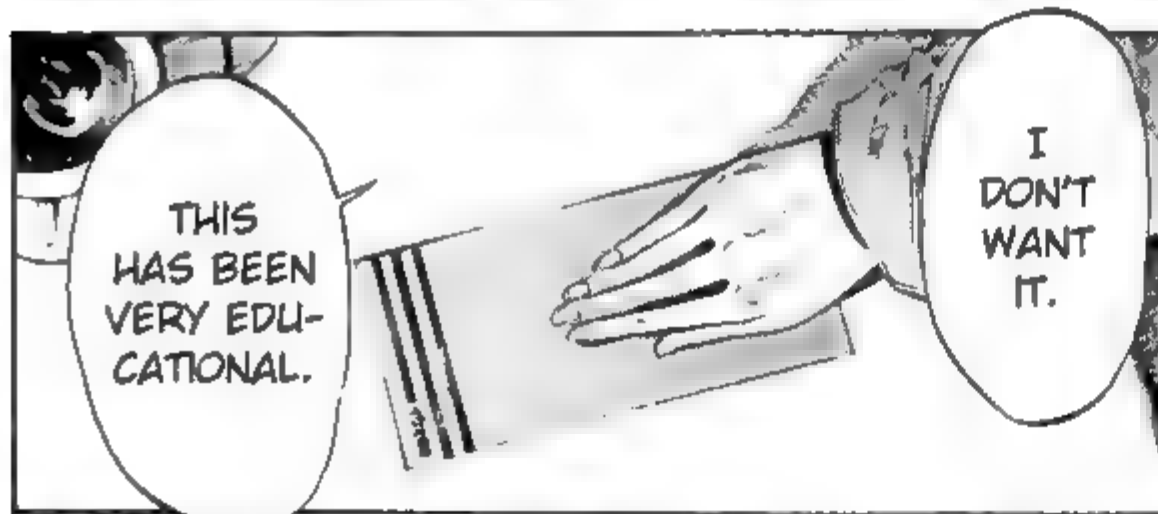




PEOPLE'S
FATES SEEM
TO CHANGE
JUST LIKE
THAT,
ACCORDING
TO THE
WEATHER.

I
THINK...

...YOU
SHOULD
THANK THE
GOD IN
CHARGE OF
TODAY'S
WEATHER.



THIS
HAS BEEN
VERY EDU-
CATIONAL.

I
DON'T
WANT
IT.



KEEP
THE
MONEY I
ALREADY
GAVE
YOU.



HEY...

PEOPLE
ARE JUST
A BUNCH
OF WEAK
CREATURES
PRETENDING
TO BE
STRONG.

JUST
PLEASE
FORGET
WHAT
HAPPENED.



YOU
DON'T
LOOK
IT.

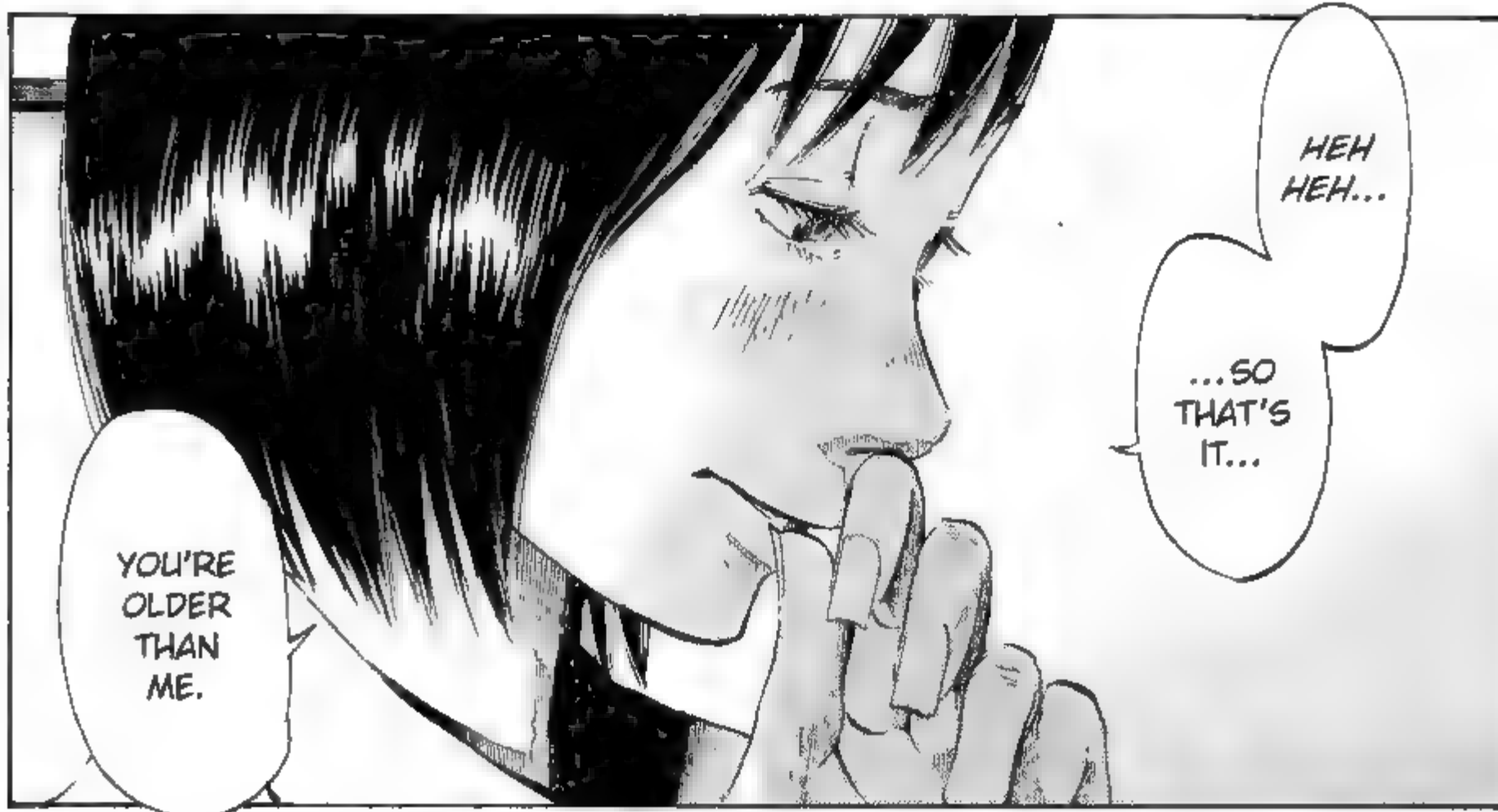
EVERY-
ONE
SAYS
THAT.



THIRTY-
FIVE.



HOW
OLD ARE
YOU?



YOU'RE
OLDER
THAN
ME.

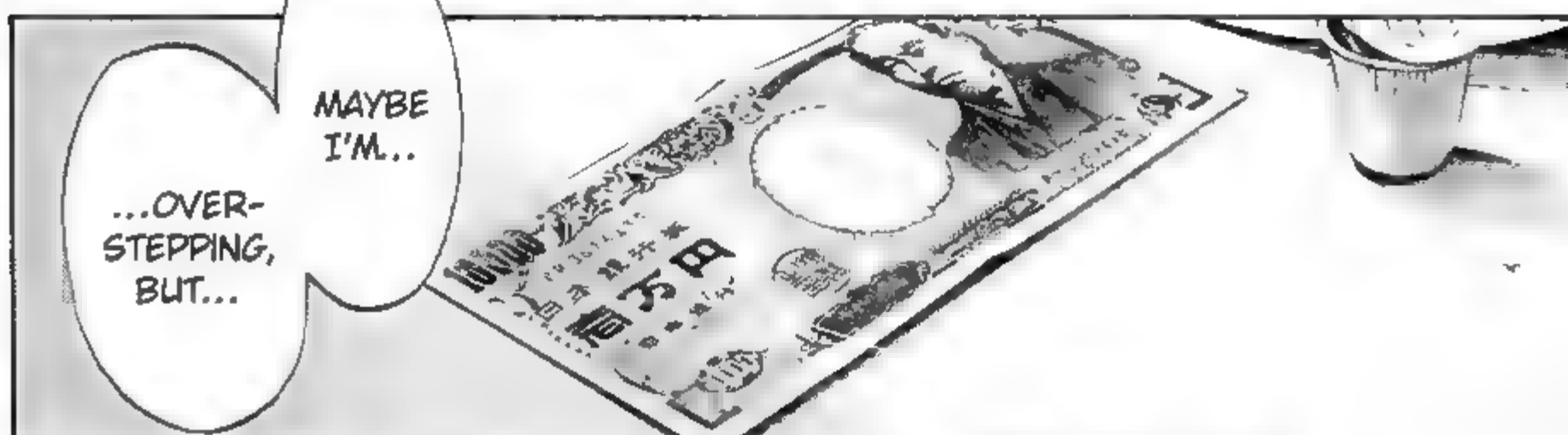
HEH
HEH...

...SO
THAT'S
IT...



HERE'S
SOME
MONEY...

HAVE
DINNER
ON ME.







THAT'S
INFURIAT-
ING.

YOU'RE
RIGHT -
I THINK
SO TOO.



IDIOT,
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
GUTS.

MAYBE I
SHOULD'VE
TRIED FOR
HER
NUMBER?



THAT'S
ME.

...BUT THE
SLIGHTEST
THING
BROUGHT
ME DOWN

I
THOUGHT
I WAS
FOCUSING
ON FREEDOM
AND ALL
THESE BIG
IDEAS...

SEE WHAT
HAPPENED?



WONDER IF
HE'S ANGRY
BECAUSE
I JUST DO
WHAT I WANT
ALL THE



GUESS
WHO?



SEKI,
ARE YOU
CRYING?

SHUT
UP



YOU'RE
LATE
SHIMIZU.

FOR A
SECOND
THERE I
THOUGHT
YOU'D
NEVER
COME
BACK



HEY, WHY
ARE YOU
WEARING
SWEATS?

MORE
TO THE
POINT, DID
YOU GET
PAID FOR
CLEAN-
ING?



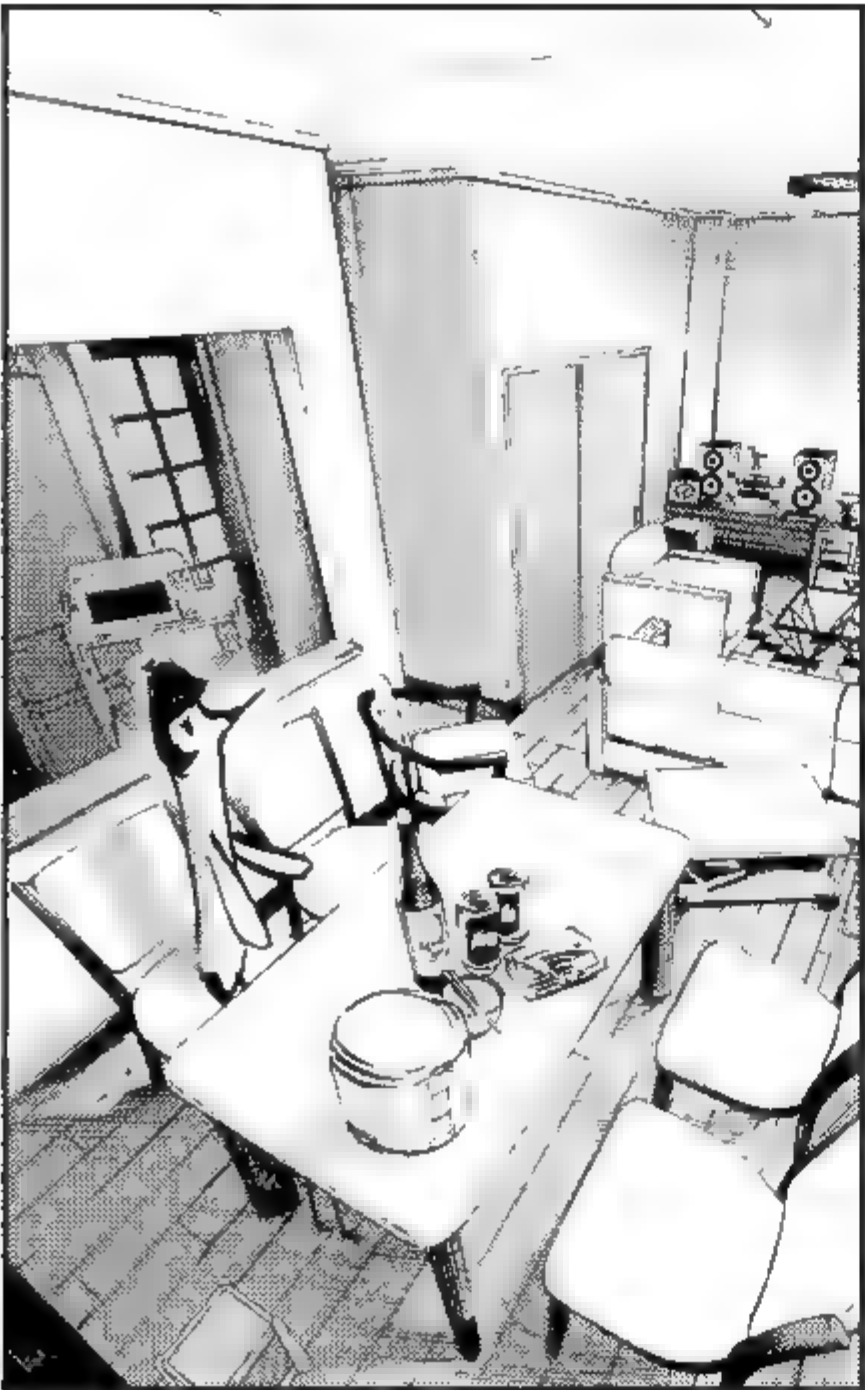
TODAY
WAS MORE
FUN THAN
USUAL.

WELL
NEVER
MIND



PEOPLE
ARE SO
STUPID.

SSH





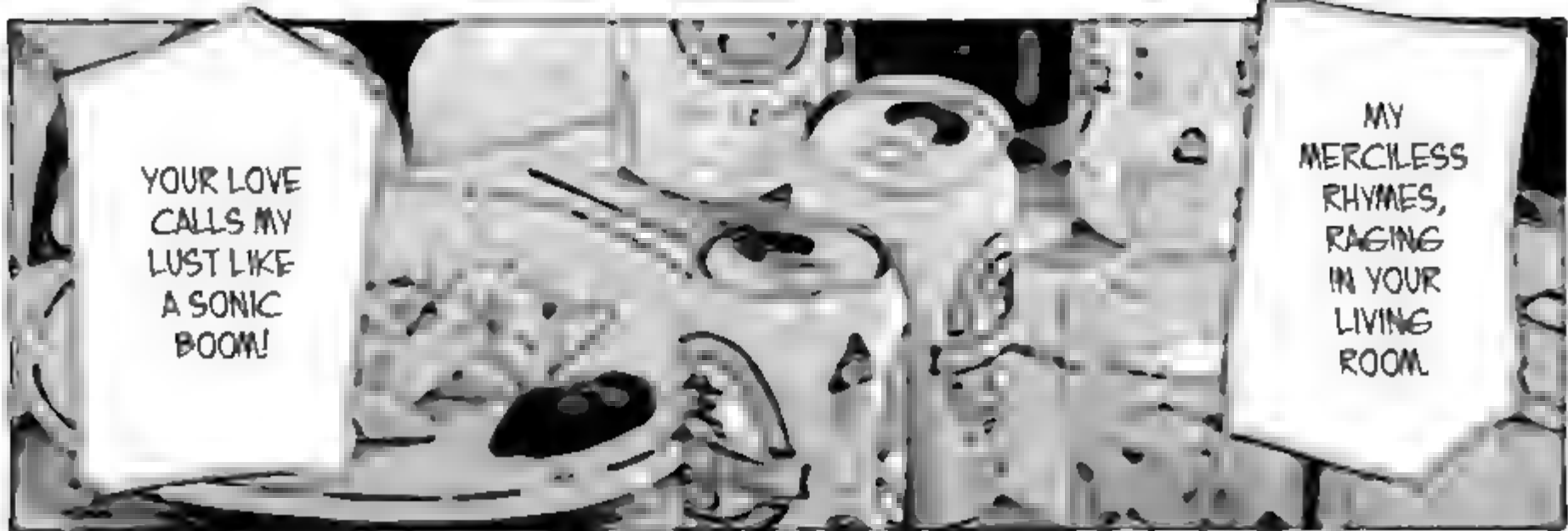




BLASTING
ALL THE
HEADS,
OLD AND
YOUNG.

HEY, HO...
THIS
THROBBING
BEAT
SHREDS
THE
RULES!

OF A NEW
GENERATION
CAN'T BE
UNRUNG.



YOUR LOVE
CALLS MY
LUST LIKE
A SONIC
BOOM!

MY
MERCILESS
RHYMES,
RAGING
IN YOUR
LIVING
ROOM.



IT'S A LOVE
REVOLUTION,
PISSING AS A
NATION.

FEEL IT
SHAKING
UP JAPAN,
HERE'S MY
SYNCO-
PATION.





...that he was
absolutely
stunned by
how out of
place he felt.

...Punpun's
heart was
still full of
unbelonging.

Even with
his hair
gelled and
wearing
baggy
pants...

OKAY,
I'M
KING.

SOMEONE
GO GET
MORE
BOOZE
AT THE
CORNER
STORE.

NO WAY,
YOU IDIOT.
THAT'S
GOING
TOO FAR.

OKAY, SO
NUMBER
FOUR HAS
TO FRENCH
NUMBER
SIX.



ACTUALLY
LET'S DO
TOM YUM
KUN. YES,
LET'S DO
KUN.

OH AND
ONE OF
THESE
TOM YUM
TOFU
THINGS

Let's do
cunni-



ARE YOU
SERIOUS,
MIMURA?
I'M
NUMBER
FOUR!

BUT
NOTICE
YOU'RE
NOT SAYING
NO! THAT'S
WHY I LIKE
YOU.

Handwritten:
D
C
M
P
A
N
Y



You
SKANK!



ONOTTI,
IT'S LIKE
YOU'RE
IN A
COMA!

HEY
HEY HEY
HEY...

PUMP
IT
UP!



YAAAY*



Punpun
no longer
knew who
he was.

...all his
cells would
turn into
bubbles
and burst.

If
someone
didn't
embrace
him
soon...

Hurry!

...if
someone
would let
him stick
it in, just
the tip.

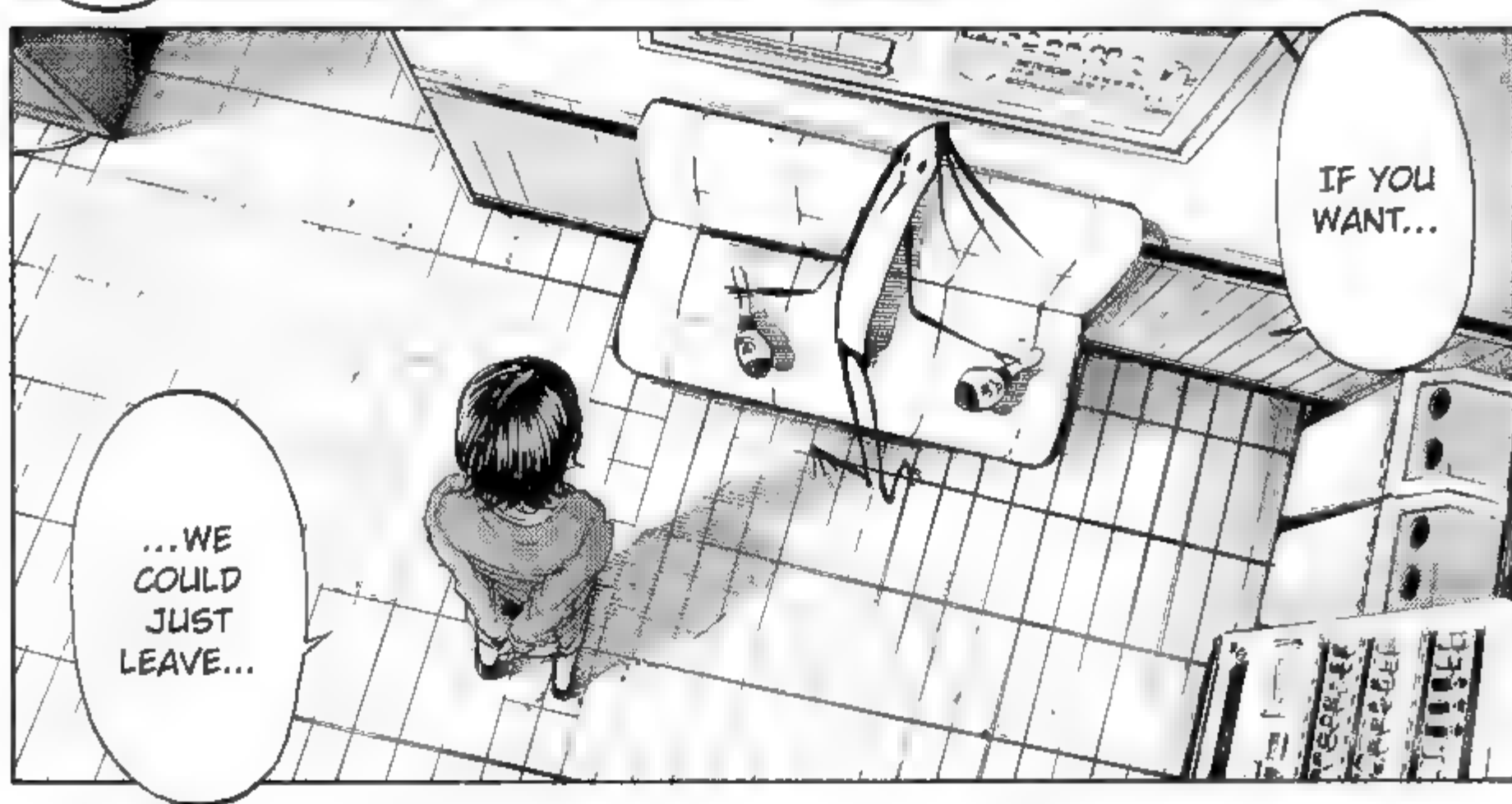
...he
would be
ever so
grateful...

Also, if it
wasn't too
much to
ask...



...ARE
YOU
OKAY?

ONODERA
...









TOO MANY
TRICKS OF
FATE IN LIFE,
DON'T YOU
THINK?

I CAN'T
EVEN
IMAGINE.



I FELT
A LITTLE
AWKWARD
LEAVING BY
MYSELF.

THANKS,
ONODERA
...



PEOPLE
WHO CAN
STUDY
HARD AND
PARTY
HARD...

...MAKE
ME A
LITTLE
ENVOIOUS.

OUR
SCHOOL HAS
SUCH HIGH
SCORES, SO
I THOUGHT
EVERYONE
WOULD BE AN
ACADEMIC,
BUT...

I DIDN'T
WANT TO BE A
DOWNER WHEN
EVERYONE
ELSE WAS
HAVING SUCH
A GOOD TIME.



GEEZ

MY
NARROW-
MINDEDNESS
MAKES ME A
LITTLE SAD.



THERE'S
A PART OF
ME THAT
WANTS
TO MOCK
THEM TOO

BUT



PEOPLE
USUALLY
TELL ME MY
STORIES
ARE
BORING.

OH, SORRY,
IT'S NOT LIKE
THERE'S A
POINT TO
THIS.



...because
Punpun
pretty
much
agreed
with her.

There
didn't
need
to be a
point...

HEY



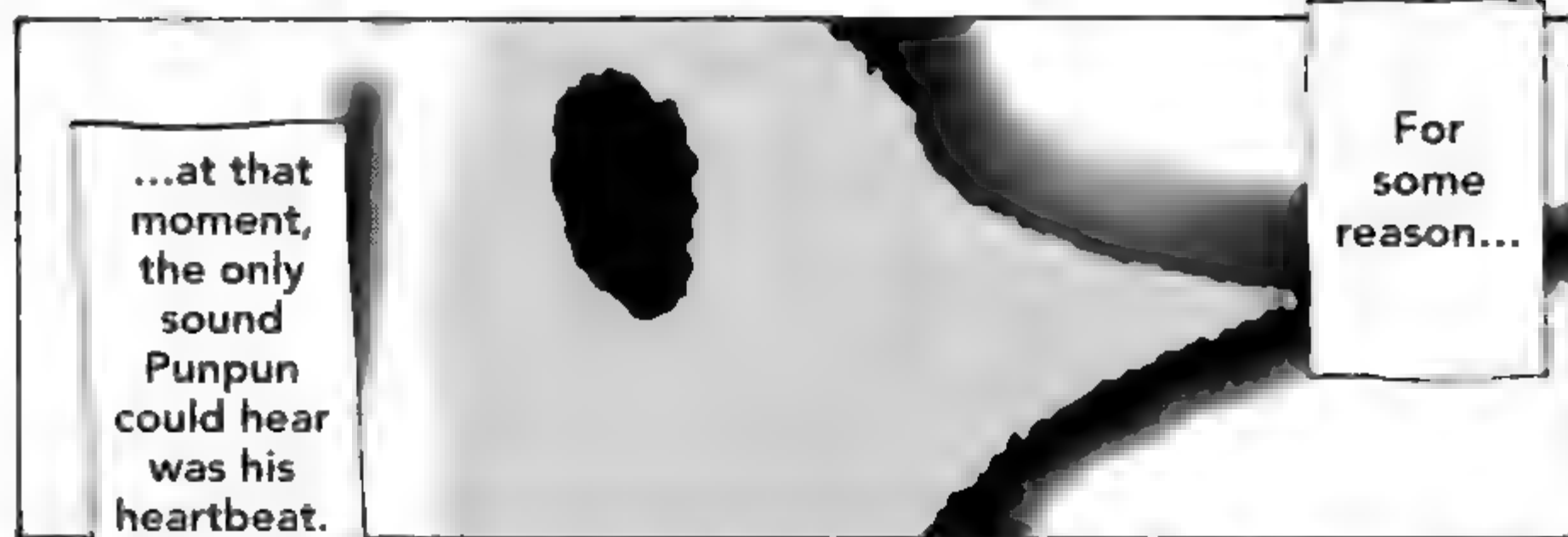
DO
YOU
HEAR
THAT?



I DON'T
KNOW
THAT
SONG

...BUT IT'S
A PRETTY
MELODY.

THERE



...at that
moment,
the only
sound
Punpun
could hear
was his
heartbeat.

For
some
reason...





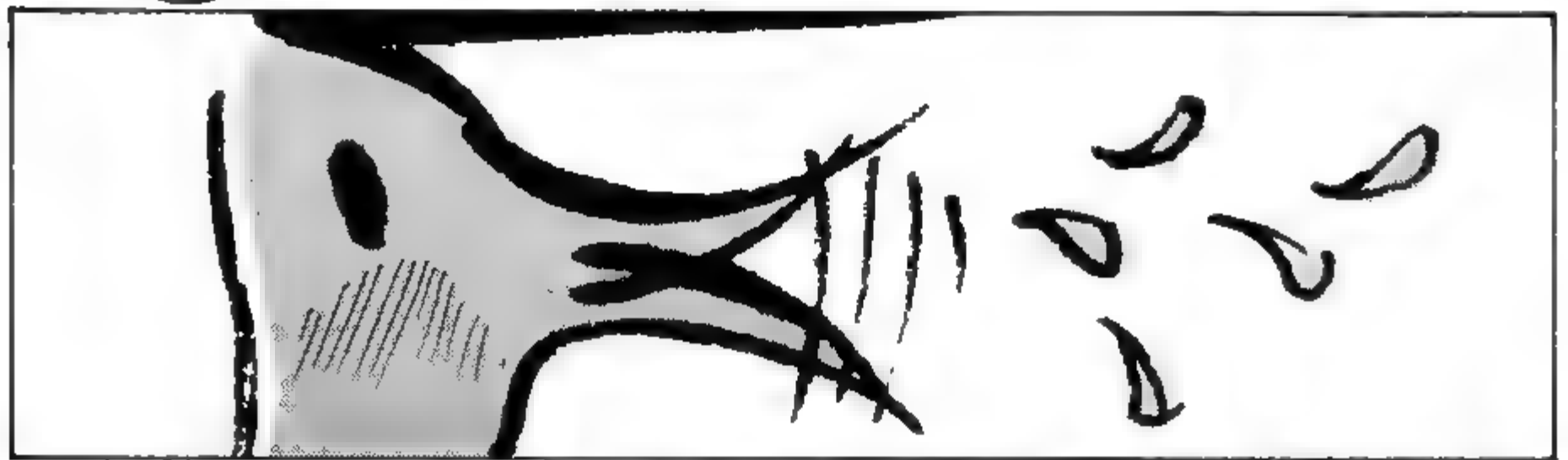
GOODNIGHT PUNPUN

Part Five

INIO ASANO

55 CIGARETTES
MART LIQUOR

214-2 214-2
+15 214-2
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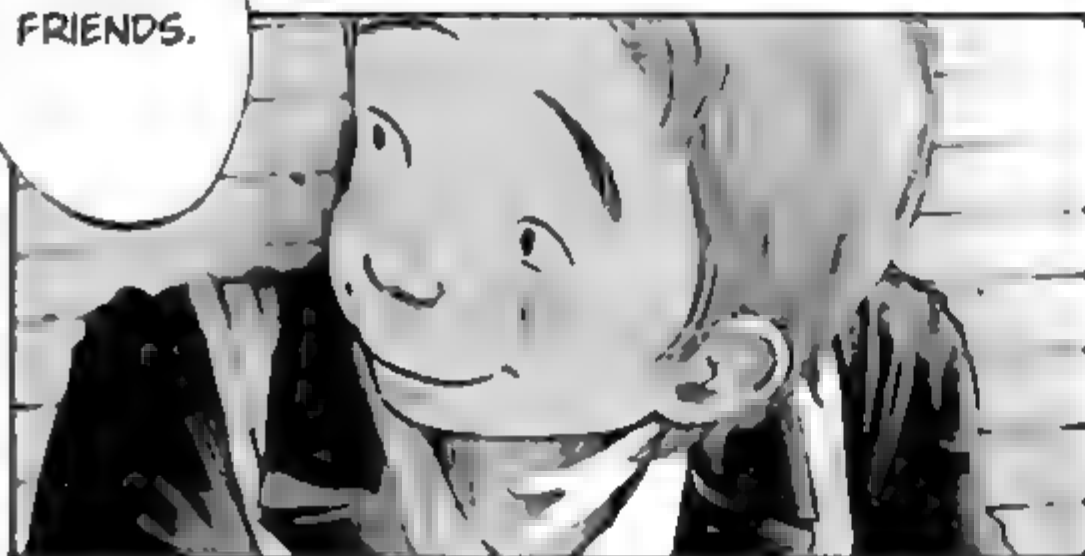
Punpun repeated
boldly.

"Do you
want to
hang with
me next
weekend?"



...LET'S
MAKE
SURE...

...WE
STAY
FRIENDS.



...BUT YOU
NEVER
KNOW HOW
LIFE IS
GOING TO
TURN OUT,
SO...

IT FEELS
WEIRD TO
JUST SAY
THIS...



THE
WHAT
NOW?

GOOD
VIBRA-
TIONS!

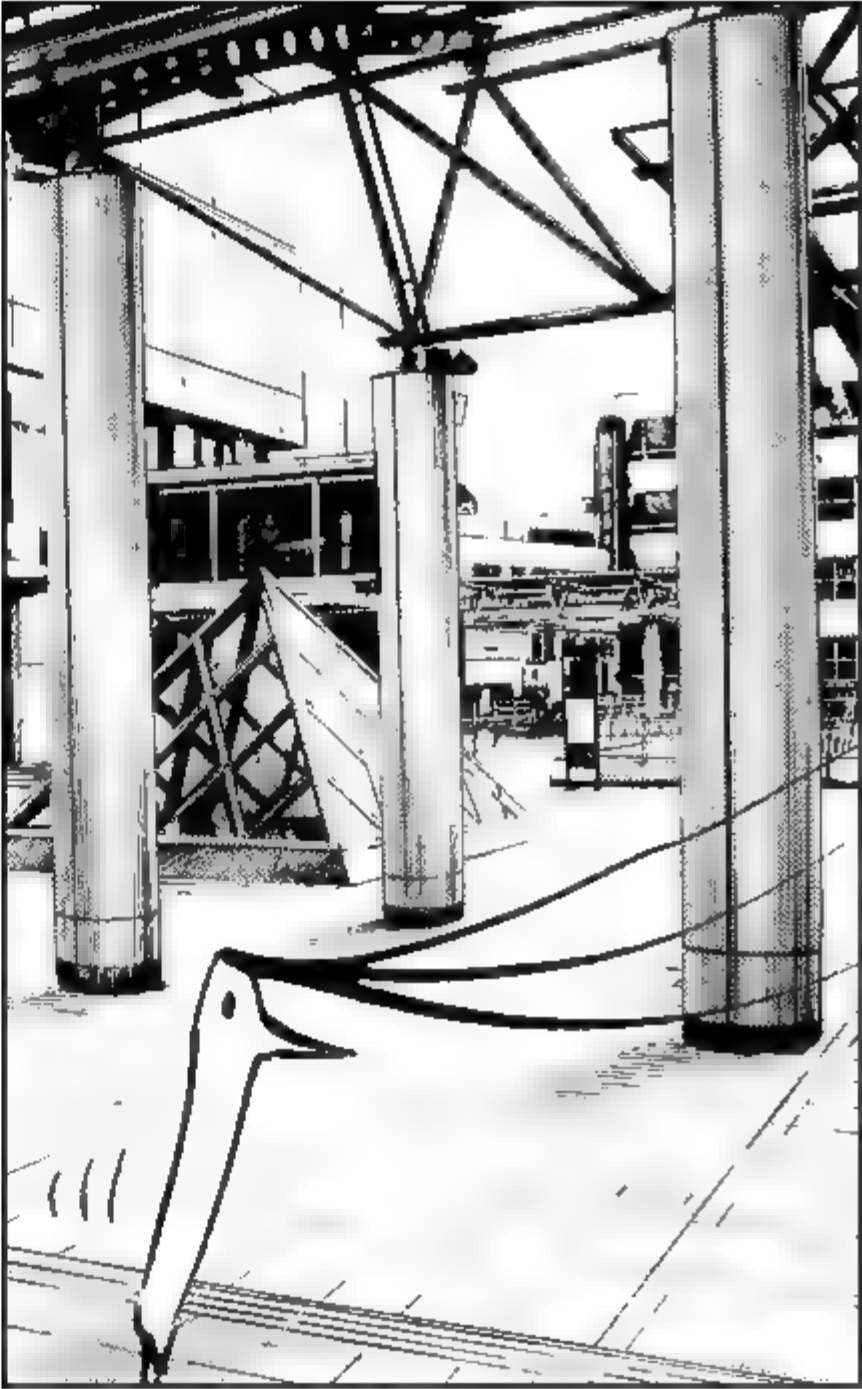


YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.

I'LL LEAVE
WORK EARLY
TOMORROW.









ONODERA.



KANIE,
HURRY
UP.

WHAT
GOOD
TIMING!
I WENT
TO LOOK
FOR YOU
IN YOUR
CLASS-
ROOM...

SORRY,
ARE YOU
IN A RUSH
TO GET
HOME?

ABOUT
WHAT
YOU SAID
YESTERDAY
...



...INTER-
ESTED
IN, LIKE,
ART?

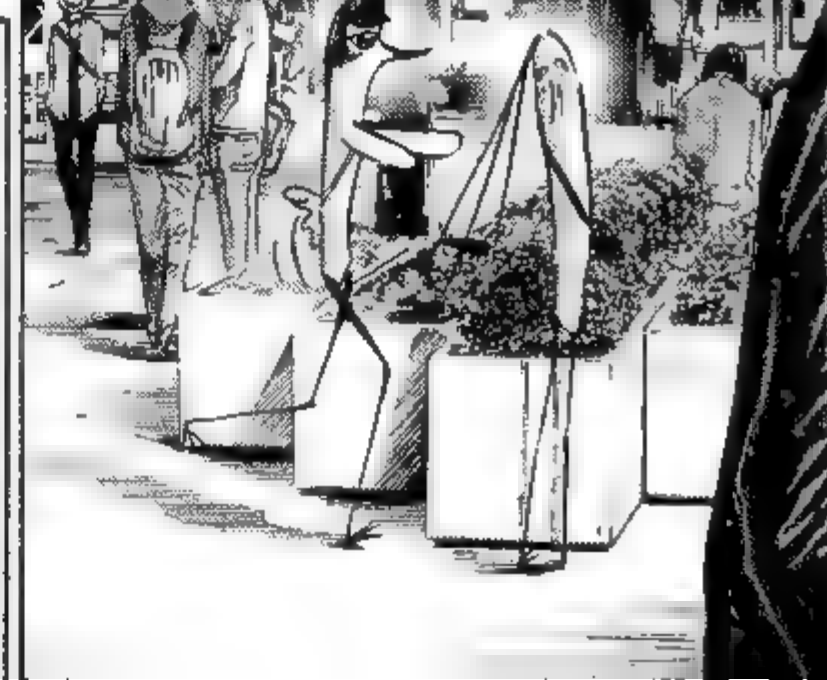
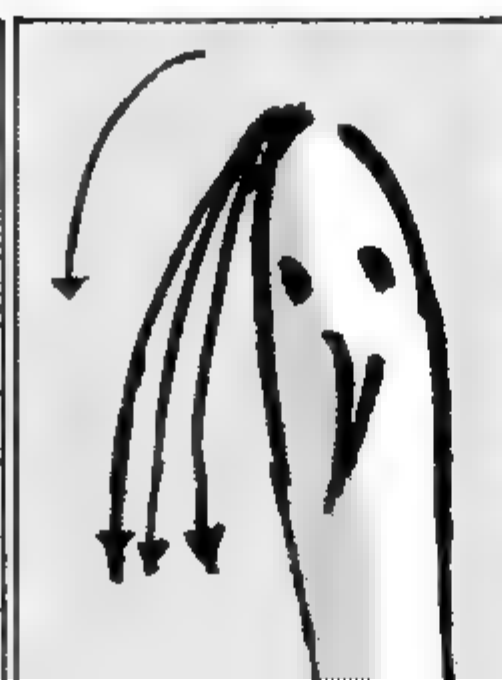
ARE
YOU...

But...

...absolutely
not.

To be
honest...





大船駅
OFUNA STATION
(R.O.)

HE WAS
REALLY
SERIOUS
AND NOT
MUCH FUN.

ACTUALLY,
YOU
PROBABLY
DON'T EVEN
REMEMBER
GRANDPA...

HOW
LONG HAS
IT BEEN
SINCE
YOU'VE
BEEN TO
THEIR
HOUSE?

BY
THE TIME
THEY FOUND
HIM ON THE
BATHROOM
FLOOR, IT
WAS TOO
LATE.

HEY...

...YOU
COULD
AT LEAST
ACKNOWLEDGE
ME.

ONODERA



WELL
...

...I GUESS
IT'S GOOD
HE WENT
SUDDENLY.

HE
HAD CANCER
WHEN HE WAS
YOUNGER AND
HE'S HAD TWO
STROKES, SO
HE WASN'T
IN THE BEST
SHAPE.



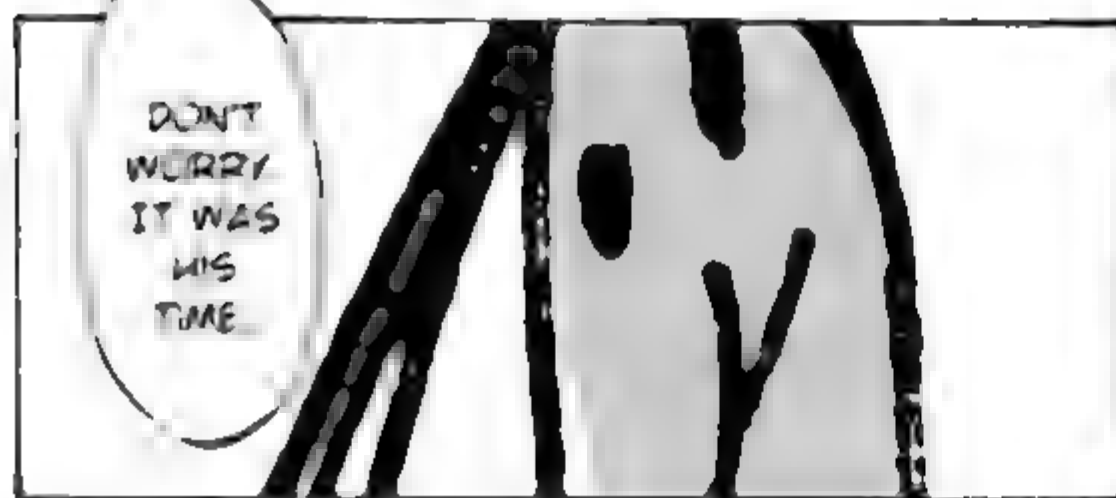
AND HE
DIDN'T WANT
HIS KIDS TO
TAKE CARE
OF HIM,
RIGHT?

I FELT LIKE
TELLING HIM,
"DON'T BE SO
STUBBORN!" BUT
I GUESS WE'RE
LUCKY THAT HE
WASN'T MUCH
TROUBLE.

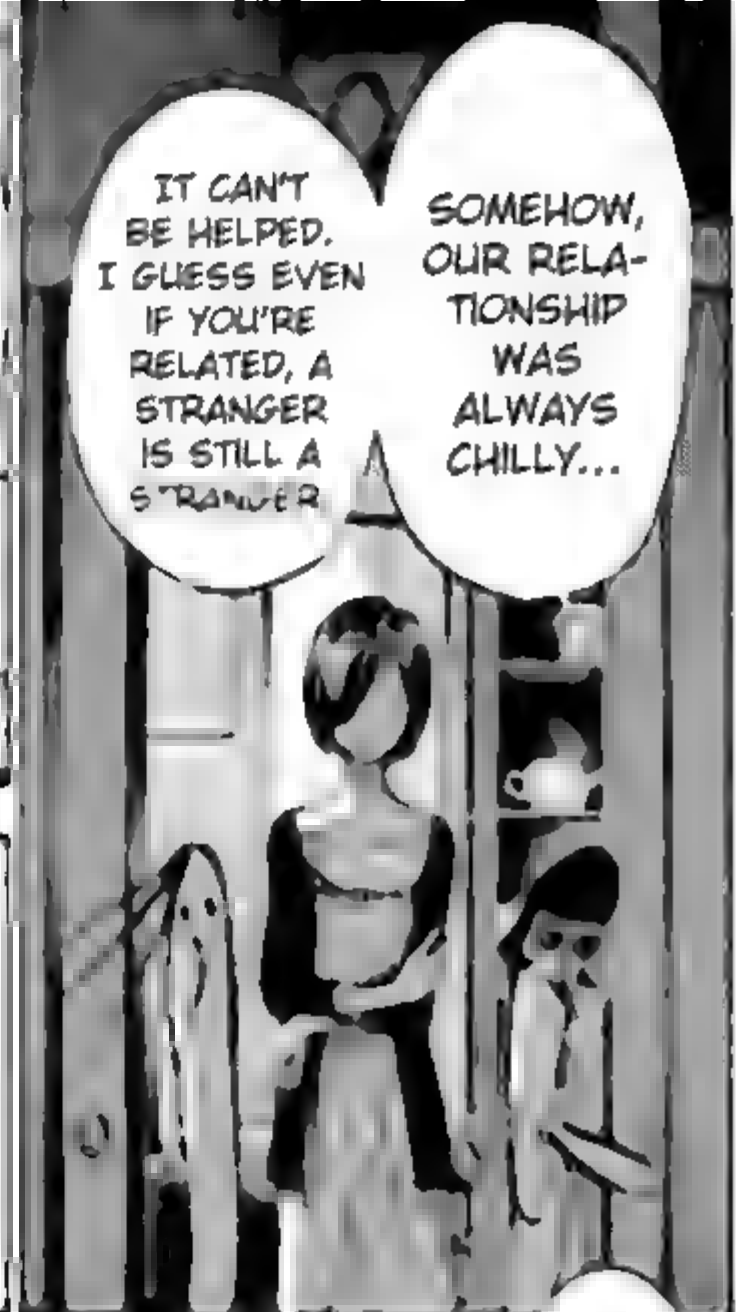


IF WE
HADN'T BEEN
AWAY ON
A TRIP, WE
MIGHT'VE
FOUND HIM
SOONER.

I'M SO
SAD...

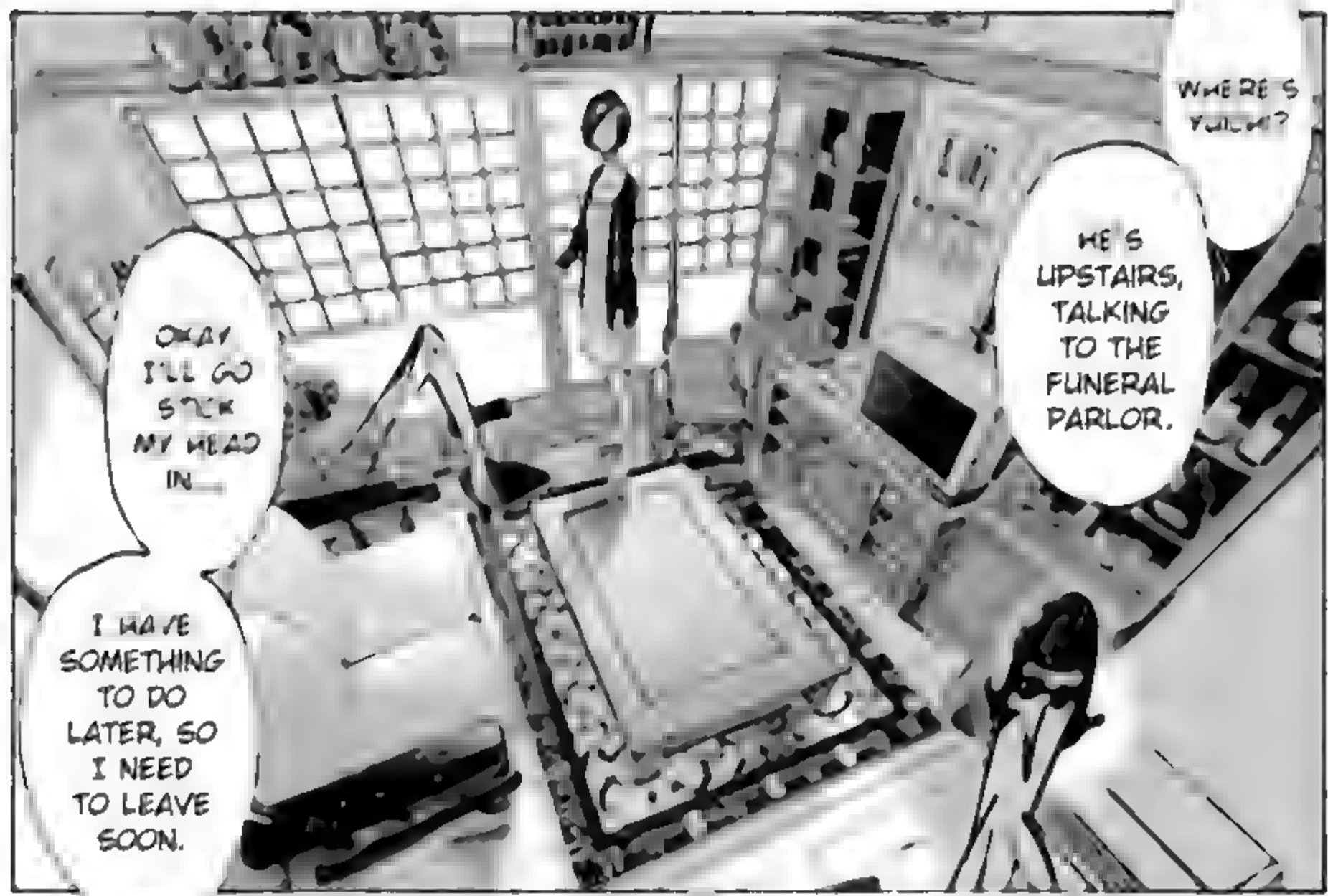


DON'T
WORRY
IT WAS
HIS
TIME



IT CAN'T
BE HELPED.
I GUESS EVEN
IF YOU'RE
RELATED, A
STRANGER
IS STILL A
STRANGER

SOMEHOW,
OUR RELA-
TIONSHIP
WAS
ALWAYS
CHILLY...



OKAY
I'LL GO
STICK
MY HEAD
IN...

I HAVE
SOMETHING
TO DO
LATER, SO
I NEED
TO LEAVE
SOON.

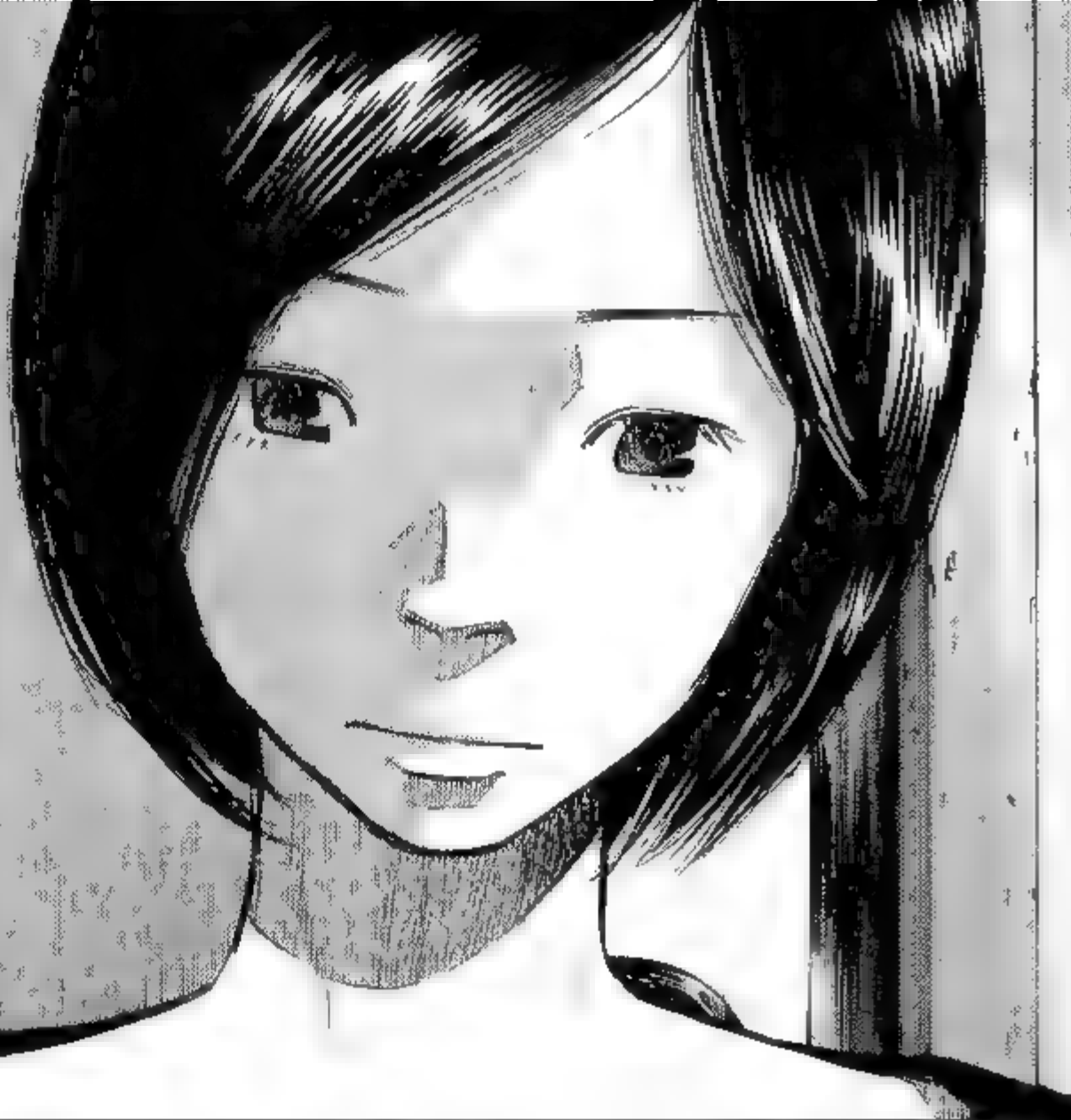
WHERE'S
YUICHI?

HE'S
UPSTAIRS,
TALKING
TO THE
FUNERAL
PARLOR.

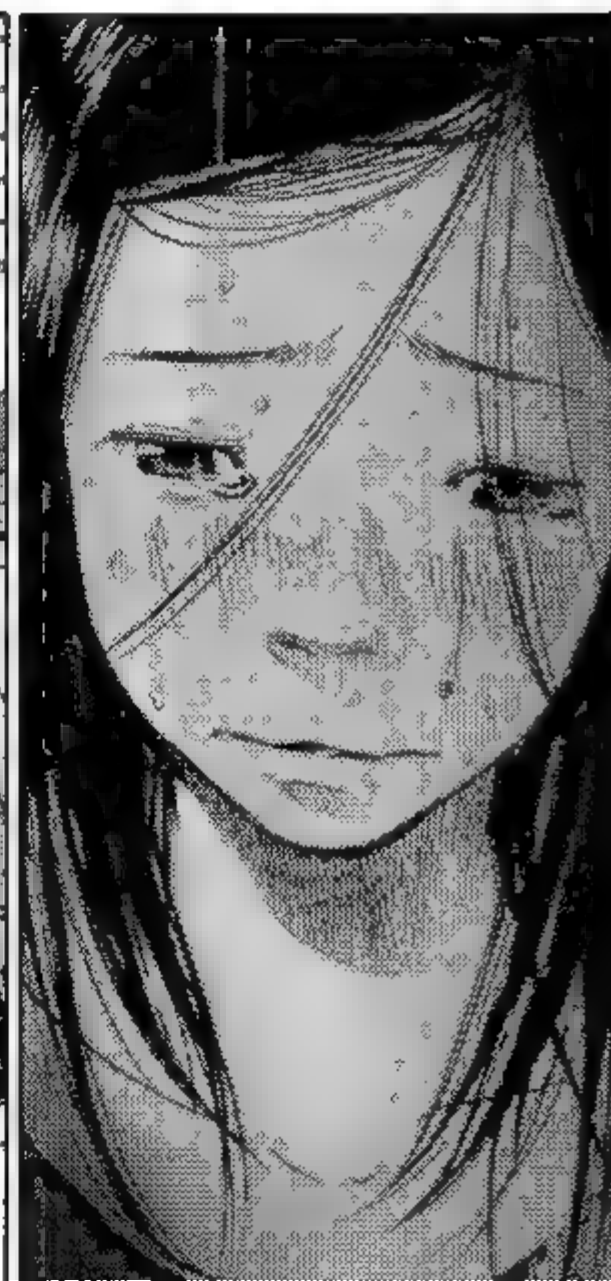
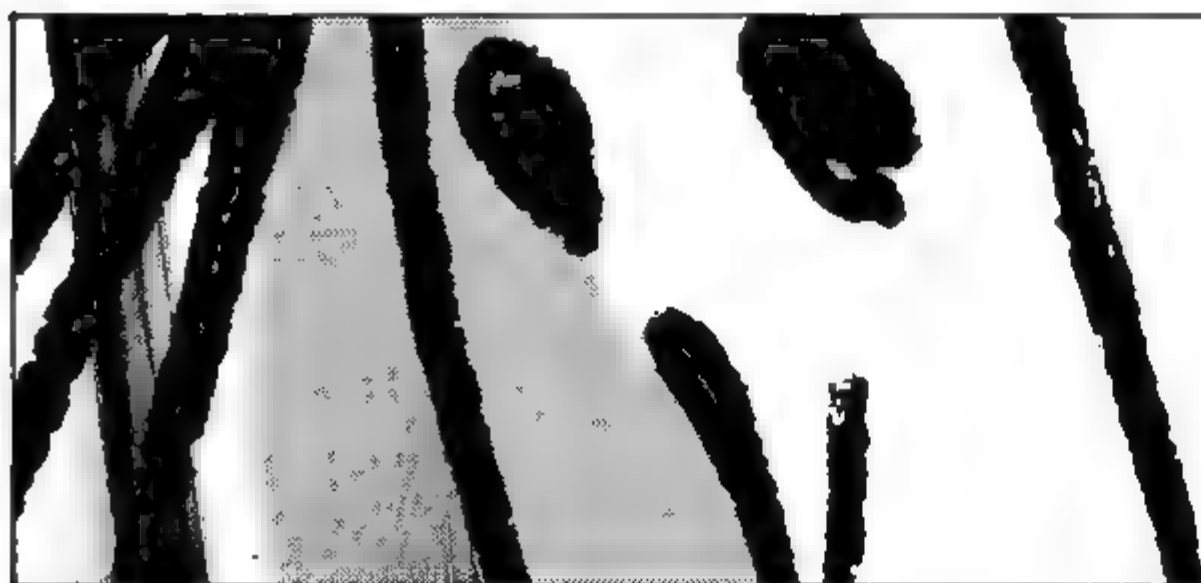
For instance,
when had
Uncle Yuichi
come home?

Punpun
wasn't quite
sure what
was going
on.

And Midori,
whom he'd
thought he'd
never see again...
What was she
doing here like
it was the most
natural thing in
the world?



Punpun
was just
the
slightest
bit
rattled.







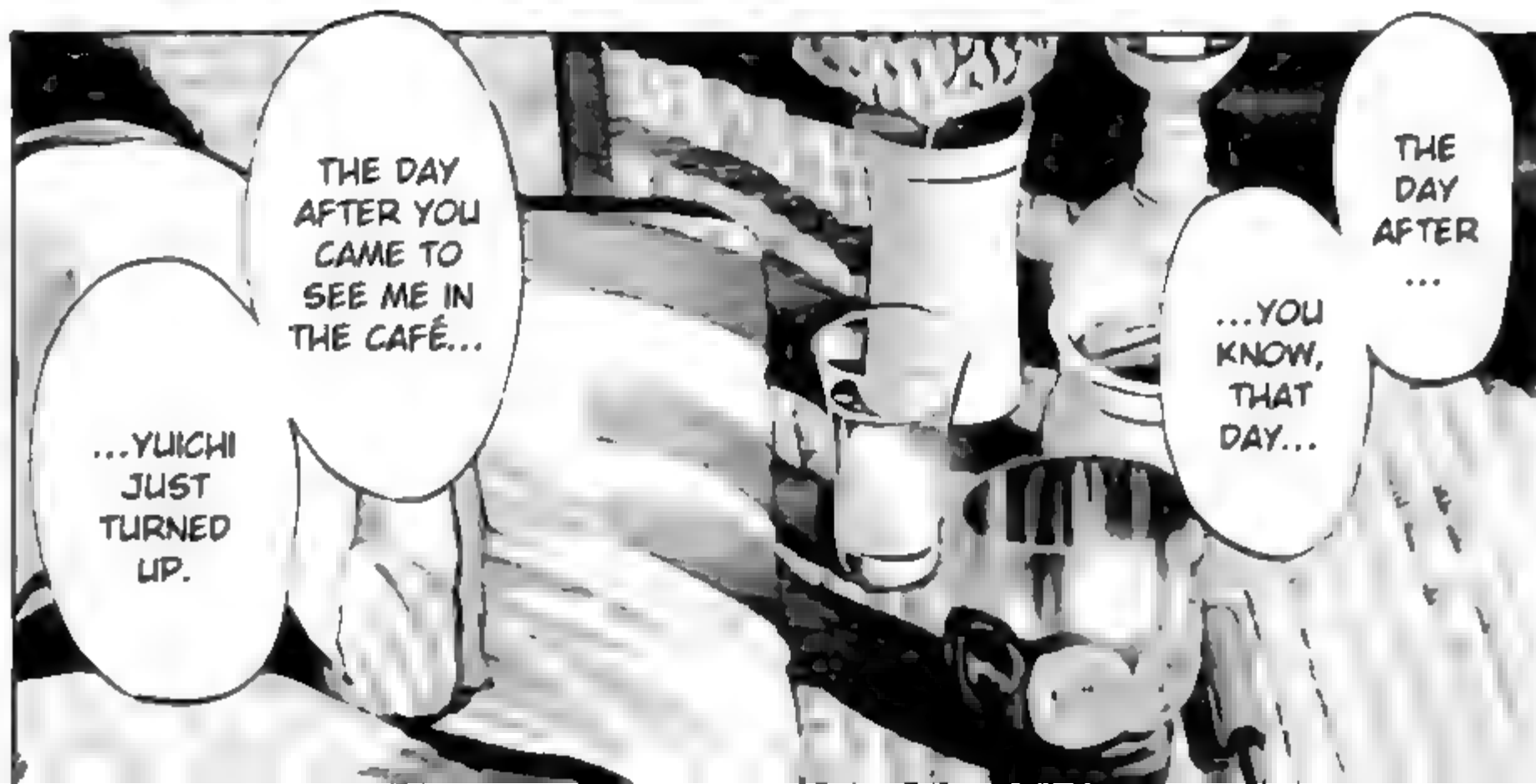
I...

YUICHI
AND I GOT
MARRIED.



REALLY?

SHE
HASN'T
SAID ANY-
THING?



THE
DAY
AFTER
...

...YOU
KNOW,
THAT
DAY...

THE DAY
AFTER YOU
CAME TO
SEE ME IN
THE CAFÉ...

...YUICHI
JUST
TURNED
UP.



JUST
KIDDING.

WELL...



...IS MILDLY
DEPRESSED,
AND HE'S
SEEING A
THERAPIST
NOW.

YUICHI
...



I
DECIDED
TO KEEP
HIM IN THE
PALM OF
MY HAND
UNTIL HE
DIES...

SO I
MADE A
DECISION.



...I'M
REALLY
HAPPY
RIGHT
NOW.

BUT...



...YOU
UNDER-
STAND,
RIGHT?

SO...



...to rip out
her clitoris
and her
pubic hair
and throw it
all in a ditch.

Punpun
thought
about
how great
it would
feel...



YEAH.

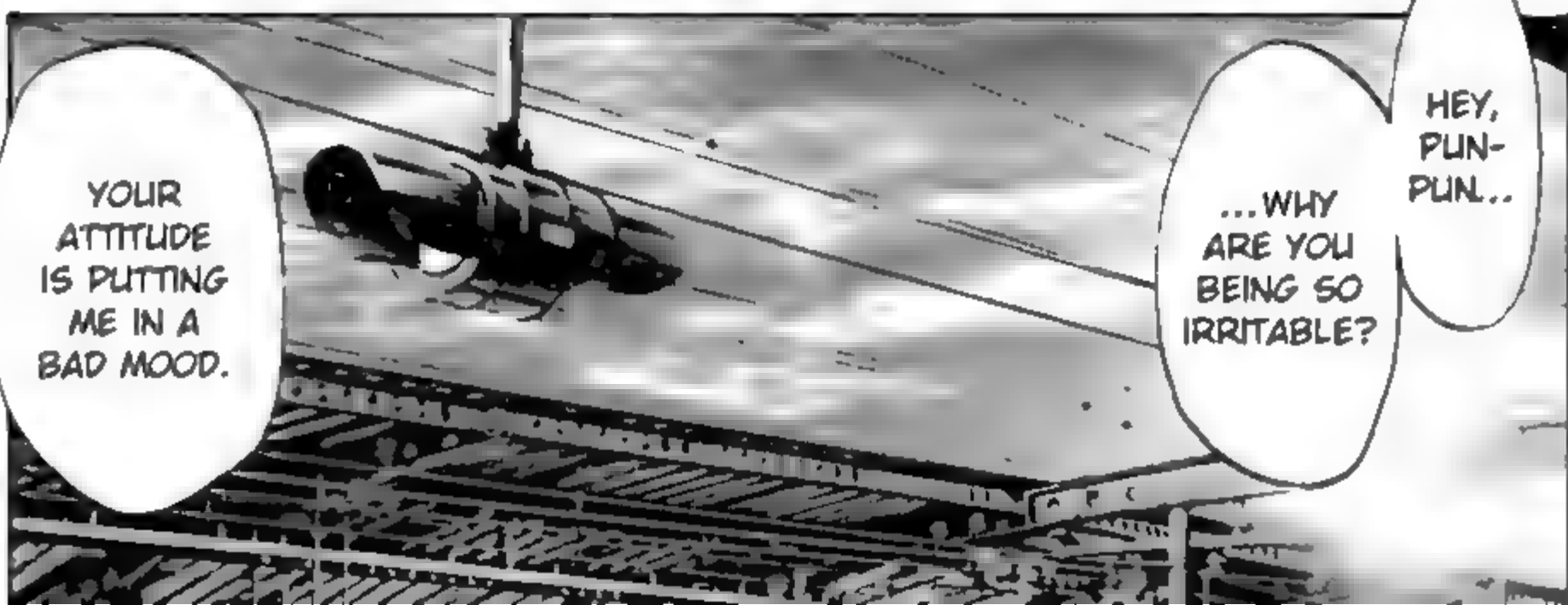
THANKS.

But
for some
reason,
what came
out was
"Congratu-
lations."





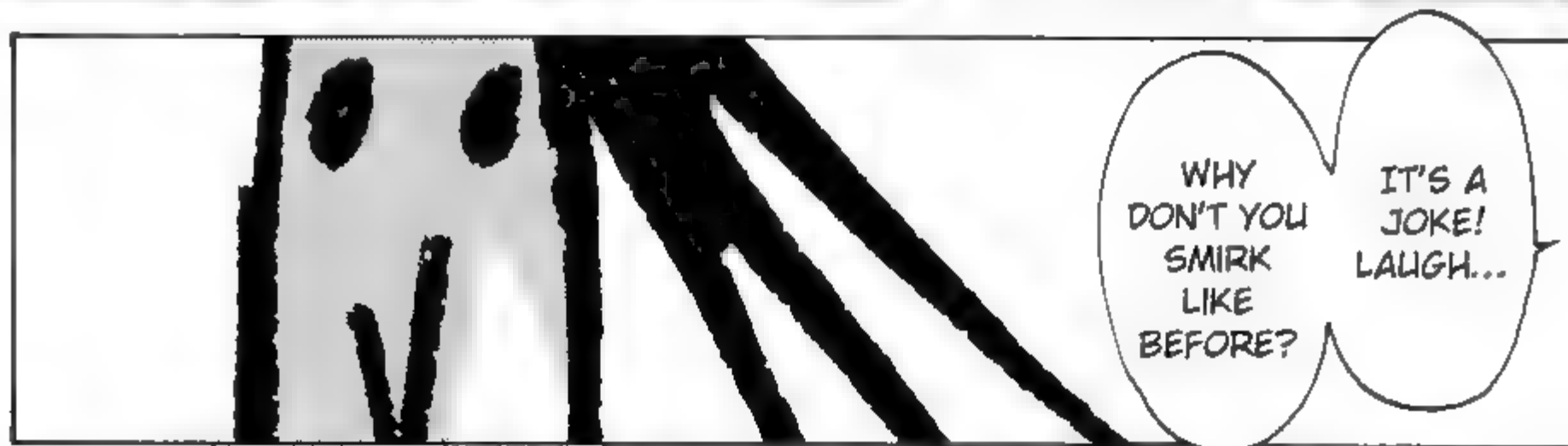
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING?
LET'S GO.



YOUR
ATTITUDE
IS PUTTING
ME IN A
BAD MOOD.

...WHY
ARE YOU
BEING SO
IRRITABLE?

HEY,
PUN-
PUN...





WHY
YOU LITTLE...
WHO DO YOU
THINK YOU
ARE, GIVING
YOUR
MOTHER THE
STINK EYE?!

WHAT
IS IT?

WHAT?

...TAKE
THIS.

OH,
HERE
...

Papa Ruyang

EH?!

SO
AGGRA-
VATING.

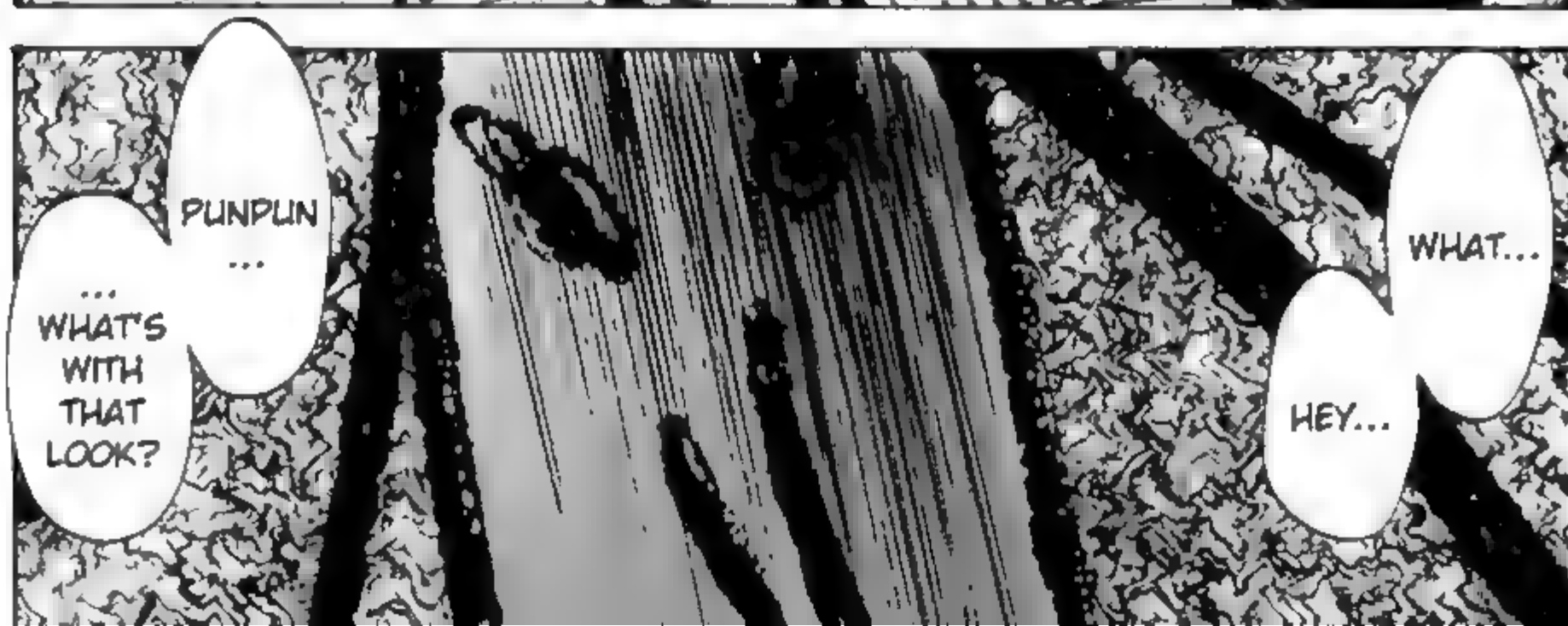


WATCH
YOUR
ATTITUDE
FROM
NOW
ON...

I'M
THE ONLY
FAMILY YOU
HAVE LEFT.

YOU
THINK
YOU
KNOW
EVERY-
THING...

...BUT
YOU'RE
STILL JUST
A KID WHO
KNOWS
NOTHING.



PUNPUN
...

...
WHAT'S
WITH
THAT
LOOK?

WHAT...

HEY...




WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?!

IF YOU
HAVE
SOME-
THING
TO SAY,
JUST
SAY IT!

DAMN
IT!



IDIOT!



I
HATE THAT
KIND OF
USELESS
NARCIS-
SISM!

DON'T
PLAY
THE
VICTIM!

DON'T
CRY!

HA HA
HA HO
HO HO-
COUGH
COUGH!

ALWAYS
GOING
AROUND WITH
THAT "MY
SENSITIVE,
WOUNDED
SOUL" LOOK
ON YOUR
FACE!

AAGH
...



This month's letter was...

...of the three games... considering finding... since there's no po... sport to follow and I may also stop subscribing to cable... We both know that isn't... in having all those channels if the teams are all awful!... you'll probably be seeing... true. I can't believe I'm spending my days like this, but it's early draft picks and... can't look away. Punpun, you're in high school now so you'll probably be seeing... Boys your age are getting scooped up by professional teams and... ed by the media like they're rock stars and offered 10 million yen signing... uses when we all know they're just going to burn out in a few years and end... married to a news anchor with a huge house and a gold plated car. These days... be... ing keenly the inequality of the world and it makes me think about... your future. Don't be like your old man, Punpun. Don't let th... ing you down. Make your spirit expansive, like the endless sea... and your peace, like the stars.

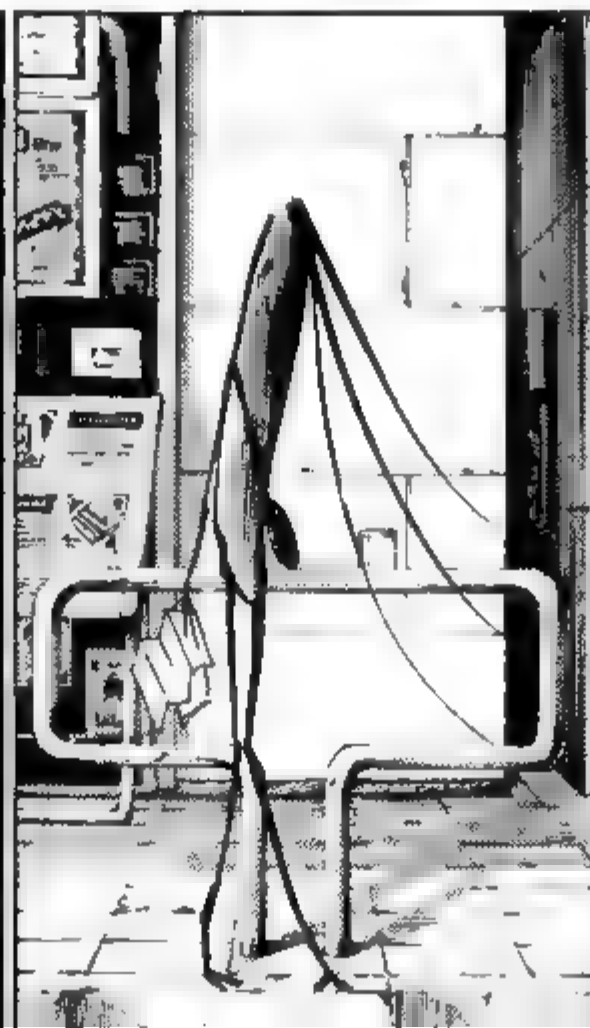
Love, Dad

...but Punpun had never found his dad's letters as dull as he did today.

...full of baseball and outer space, as usual...

"Wouldn't it be wonderful to run at full speed past the train station, stark naked, chanting black magic spells?"

Punpun thought



"Why are grown-ups so selfish?"

Punpun thought



Elevate
your
mood
and go
for it!

That's
right..

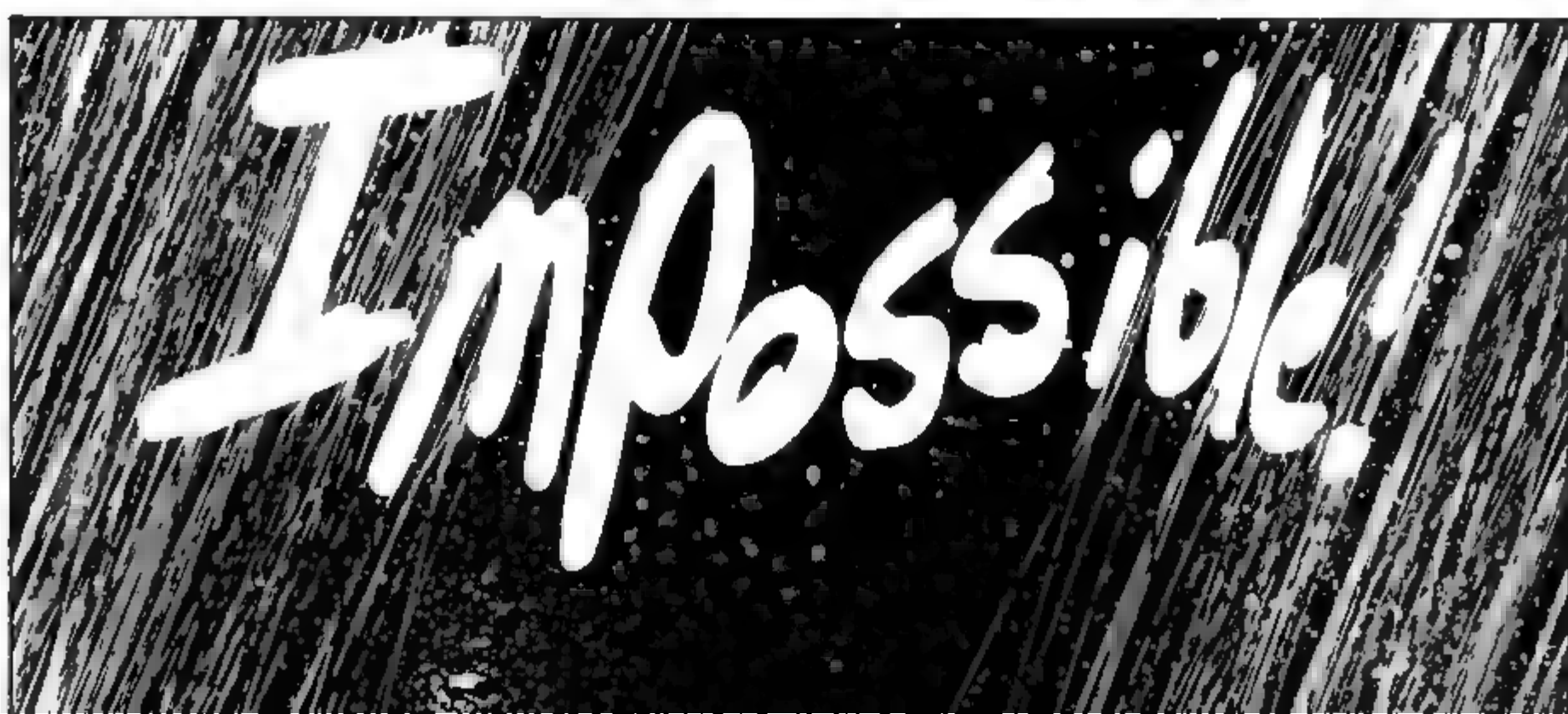
Maybe
something
good will
happen
tomorrow?

The world
is probably
overflowing
with kind-
ness and
happiness.

It's his
fault...

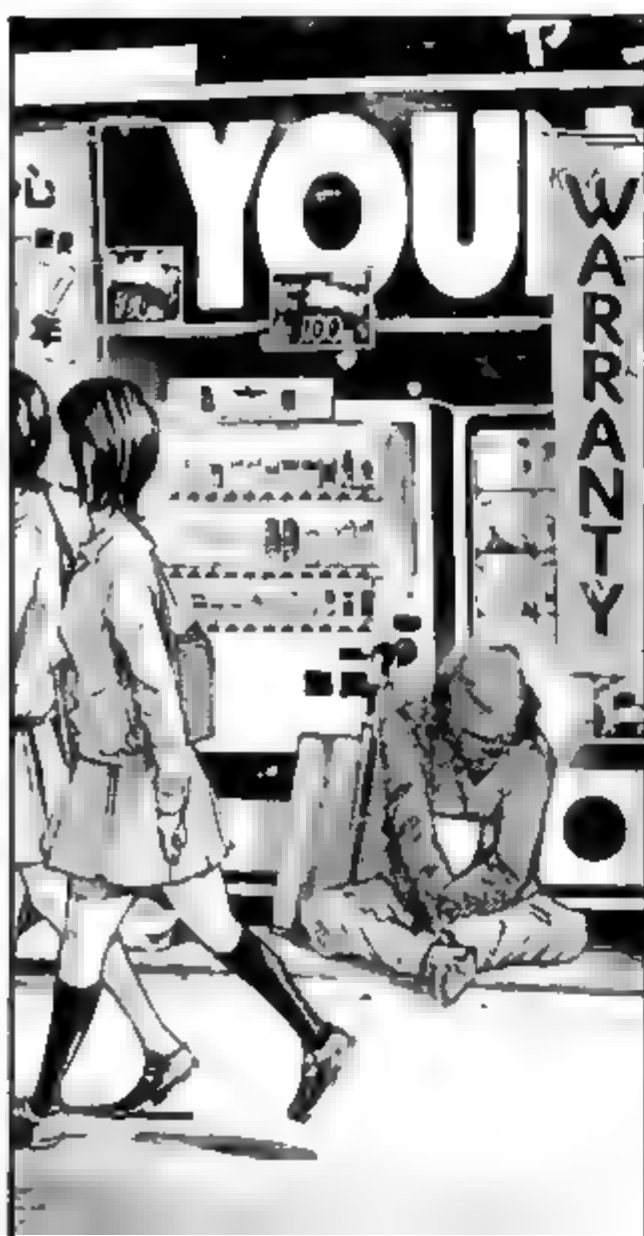
No,
no, can't
have such
dangerous
thoughts...









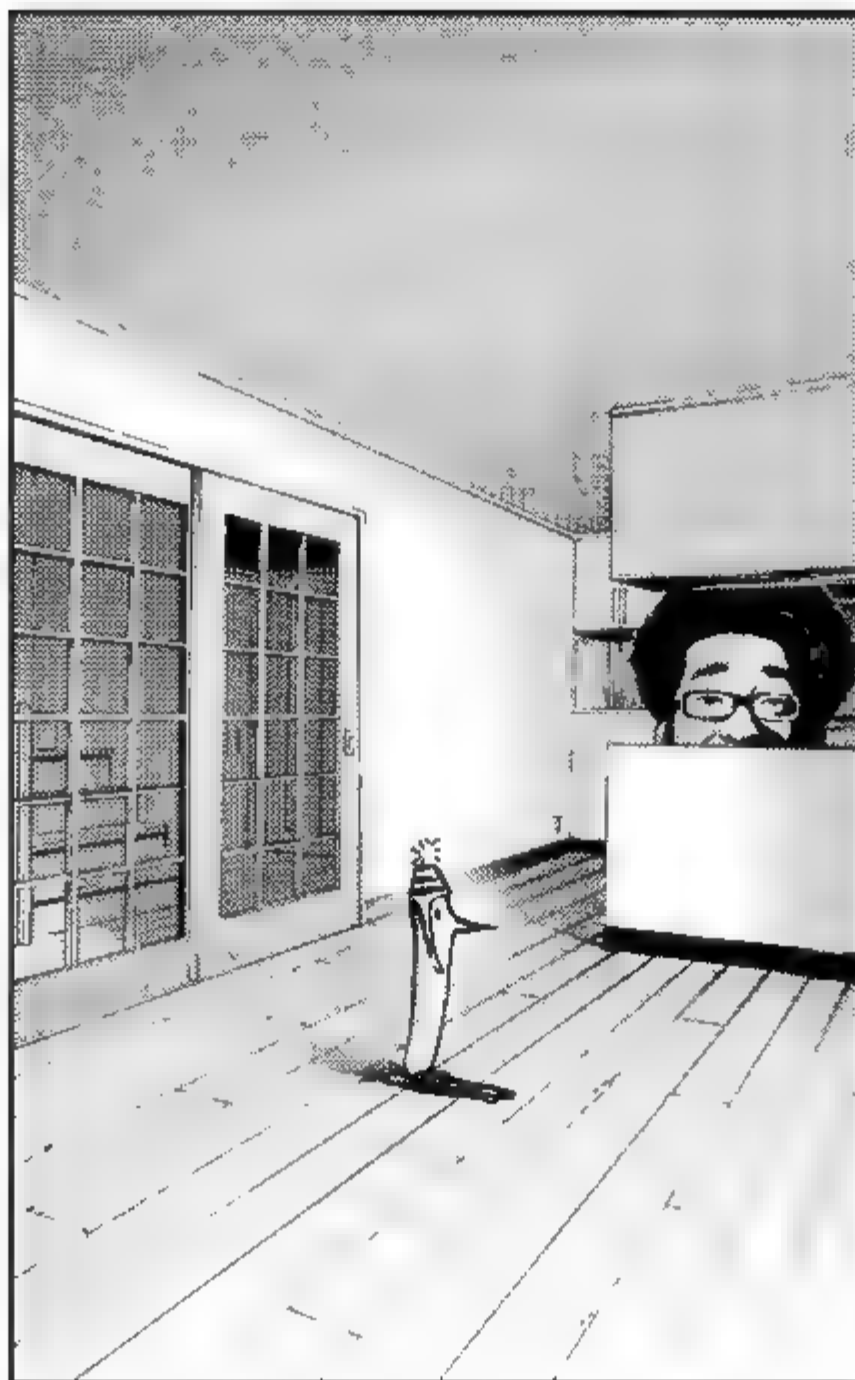




1974

1974





GOODNIGHT PUNPUN INIO ASANO
Part Five

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COOPERATION	Kumatsuto Yasumasa Iwama Yu Uehara Takashi Kume

I want to know what happens to Punpun!

Nice to meet you, Mr. Asano. I'm a Punpun fan in third grade who lives in Kawasaki.

At first, when my classmate Hiroshi's older brother (buzz cut) recommended it to me, I didn't understand why it was any good. But recently I got it, and I think it's very good.

I have one question for you, Mr. Asano. When is *Goodnight Punpun* going to become a battle fantasy manga? I'm getting impatient because Punpun isn't going off for training or learning a killer move. But my classmate Hiroshi's older brother (buzz cut) says, "This is called 'pulling,' and it is a very advanced technique in comic books." Is it or isn't it? Hurry up and let us know. You can call me on my cell phone and just let me know. Darn it, *pant, pant*. I got a little excited there. You're a twisted one, Mr. Asano.

I thought you might be stuck for ideas, so I've enclosed my candidate for a nemesis. If you're going to use it, please get in touch and ask for permission. You can reach me directly on my cell phone.

Kind regards,

Junya



Junya Okamoto
(Third grade, 8 years old)
Kawasaki Kanagawa



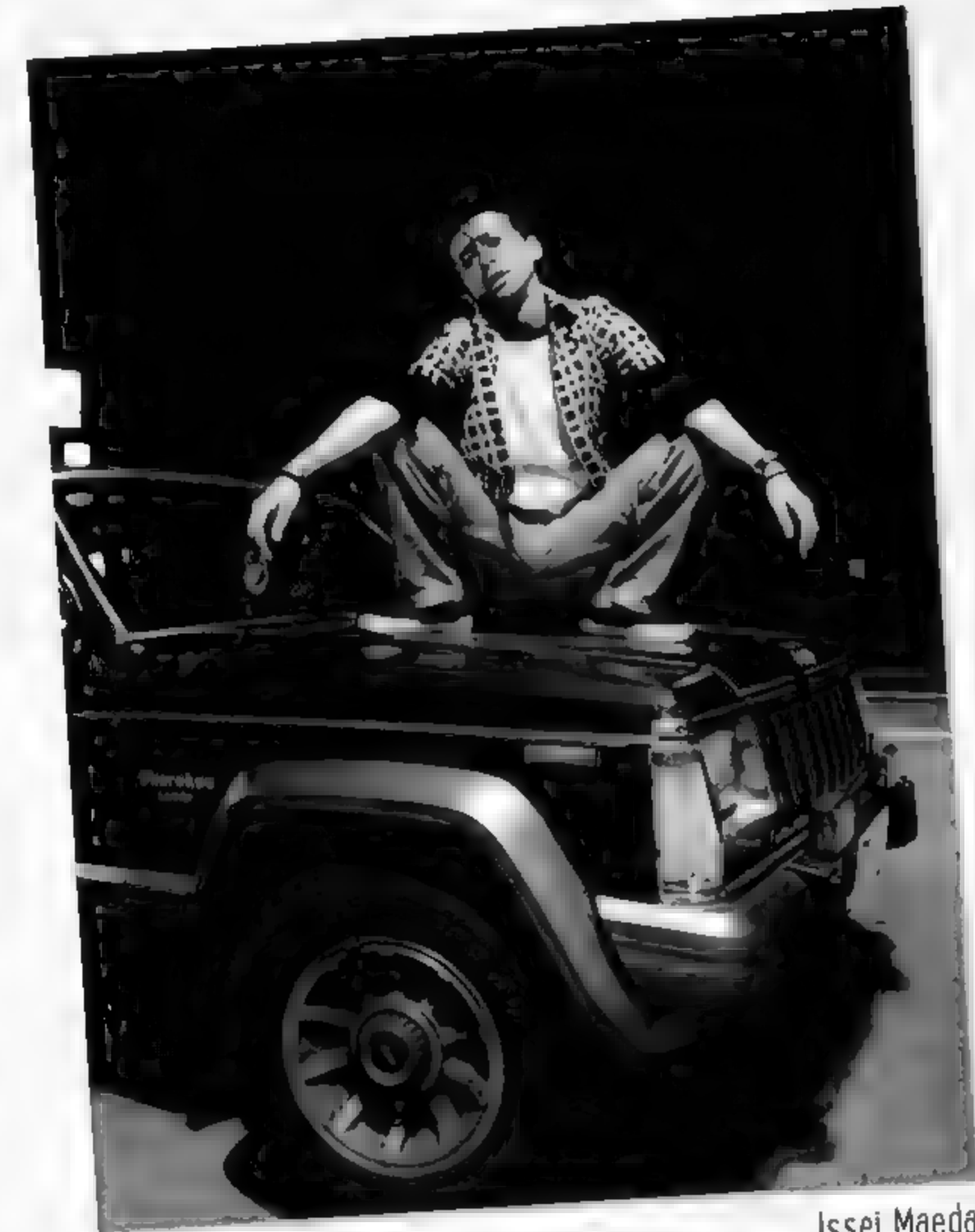
Is there a limit to the comic expression horizon?!

Hey, Asan! (Sorry to be so casual.) I am a cherry boy, a young soul, a dynamite, a second-year high school student who enjoys every chapter of *Goodnight Punpun*. (sweats excitedly)

My favorite character is Sasuke! (Wait, is that a character? Oops!) I feel that recently your story line is in a bit of a rut. (gingerly) But that scene where Punpun jumps from building to building on his bike was just so intense. (Wait, was that a scene? Oh crap.) Anyway, I have one question! (energetically) Why is this Punpun character so strange looking? Is it some kind of metaphor? It bothers me so much I can only sleep at night. Is he in the shape of a bird...or an alien...or...?! Never mind, I won't ask anymore. So basically, we'll leave it at "there are as many interpretations as there are people," right? Right? (Sorry to be so familiar.) By the way, a senior guy in my school who is also a Goodpunner (a Punpun fan, don't you know) sends me smoke signals every day telling me to read Freud. Help me!

So in conclusion, Mr. Asanovich. (Wait, was that your name? Nirvana!) Please feel free to continue your serial. I plan to work full steam ahead to fulfill my childhood dream of becoming a falconer. Later, boing!

—Issei



Issei Maeda
(Second year in high school, 17 years old)
Musashino, Tokyo





GOODNIGHT PUNPUN

Part Six

STORY THUS FAR...

Punpun is enrolled in a highly competitive local high school. He is super excited about having a date with his classmate Kanie, but after he has a fight with his mom, she tells him not to come home. Not a great beginning to the summer of his 15th year.

CAST OF CHARACTERS



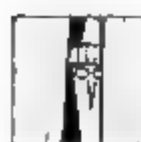
PUNPUN ONODERA

He's 15 years old and in his first year in high school. Height: 200 meters. Weight: 5 tons. Spews fire.



MAMA ONODERA

Punpun's mother. Works in a supermarket. She can fly by transforming her body scales into wings.



YUICHI ONODERA

Mama's younger brother. Teacher at a pottery school. He suffers from mild depression and is currently seeing a therapist.



MIDORI ONODERA

Yuichi's wife. Runs a café. In the language of fungi, she is a golden scalycap mushroom.



AZUSA KANIE

Punpun's classmate. She's 15 and is worried about whether her bangs are too short.



AIKO TANAKA

The classmate Punpun loved in elementary and middle school.



YUKINOSHIN MIMURA

Punpun's classmate. Holds the rank of 100-dan in delusional kendo. His special skill is the high-speed rear leap.



TOSHIKI

A sorcerer with no known address.

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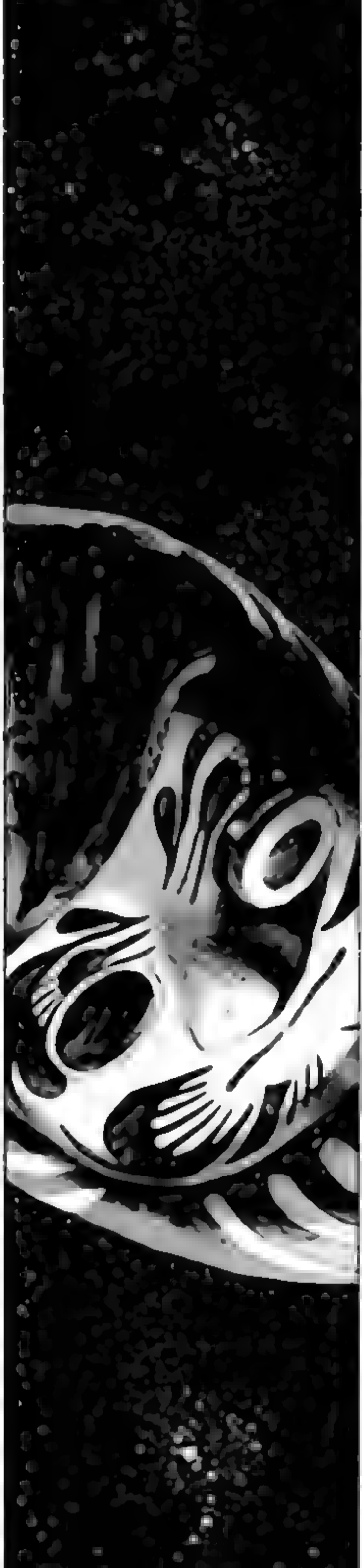
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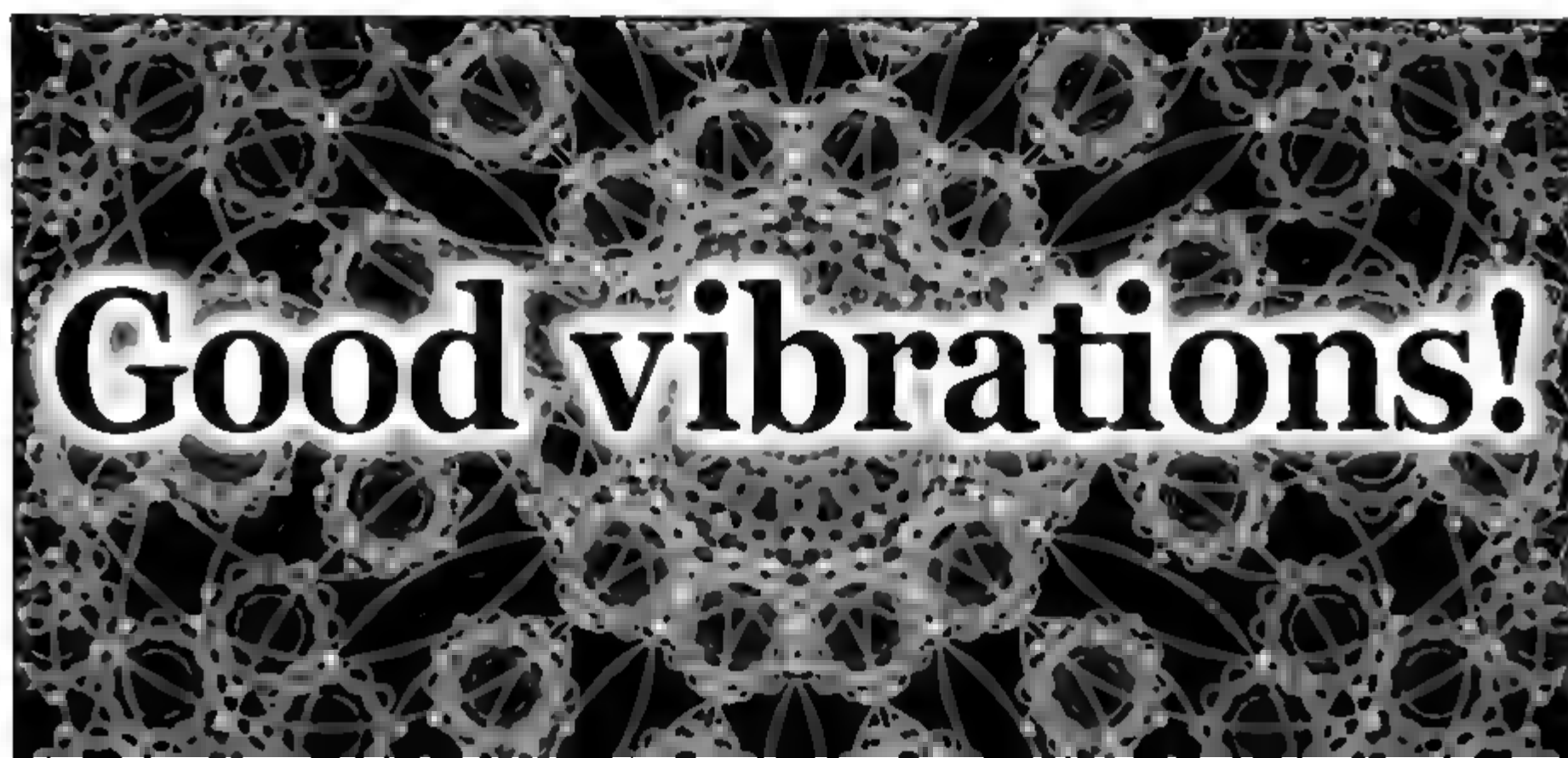
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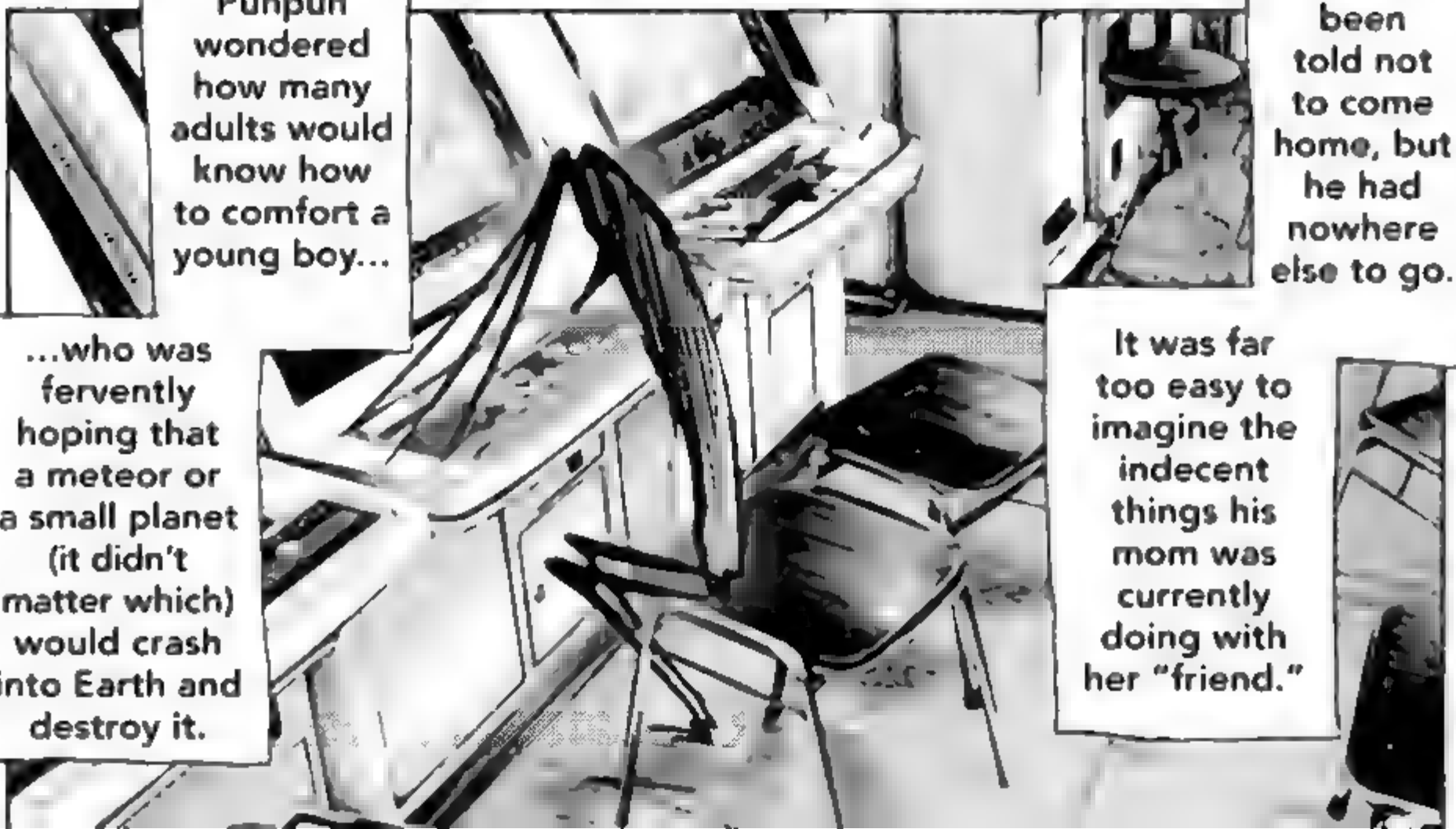
Punpun had no idea how big the universe really was or how long it had existed.

Punpun wondered how many adults would know how to comfort a young boy...

...who was fervently hoping that a meteor or a small planet (it didn't matter which) would crash into Earth and destroy it.

He'd been told not to come home, but he had nowhere else to go.

It was far too easy to imagine the indecent things his mom was currently doing with her "friend."



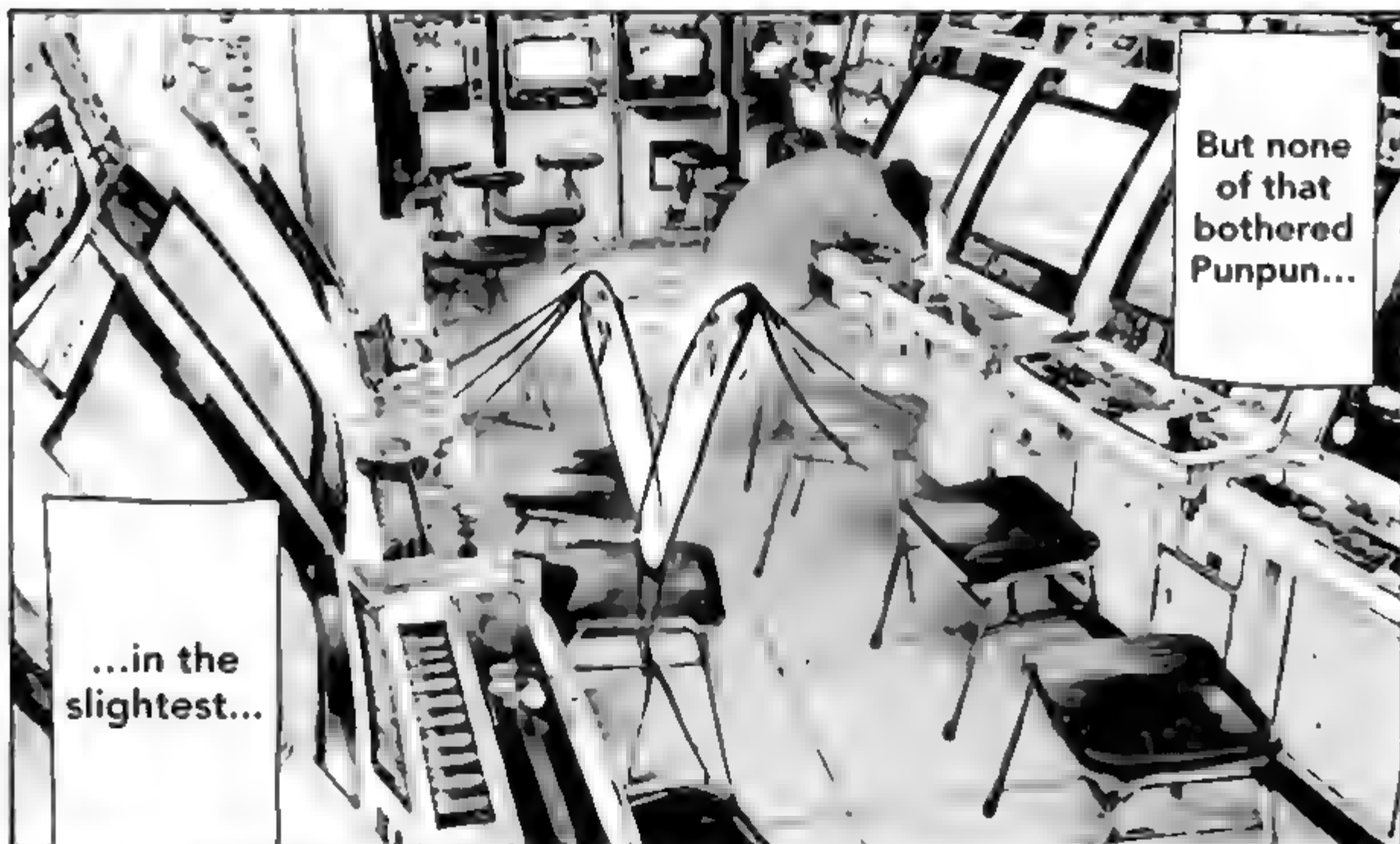
"DO YOU
WANT TO
GO WITH
ME?"

"MY SISTER
IS IN AN ART
SHOW NEXT
WEEKEND.



But none
of that
bothered
Punpun...

...in the
slightest...



...because just
thinking about
his impending
date that
weekend...

"You
wouldn't
by any
chance be
interested
in going
out with
me, would
you?"

But Kanie
will be
equally
excited
and
push
on...

Punpun
won't
be able
to hide his
growing
excite-
ment.

"You
know, I
noticed
you on
the first
day of
school..."

On the
way back
from the
art show,
resting their
tired feet on
the closest
park bench,
Kanie will
suddenly
say...

...awakened
in him a
wonderful
story that
raced around
his synapses.

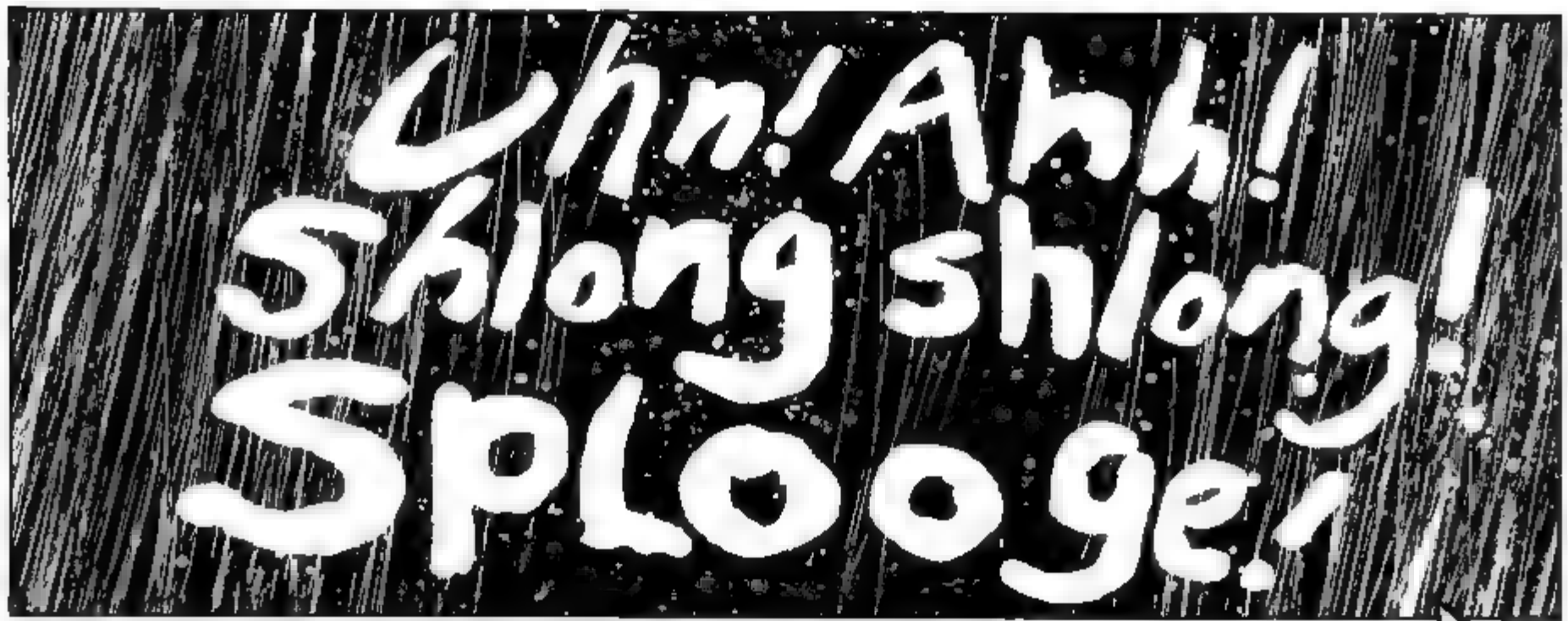
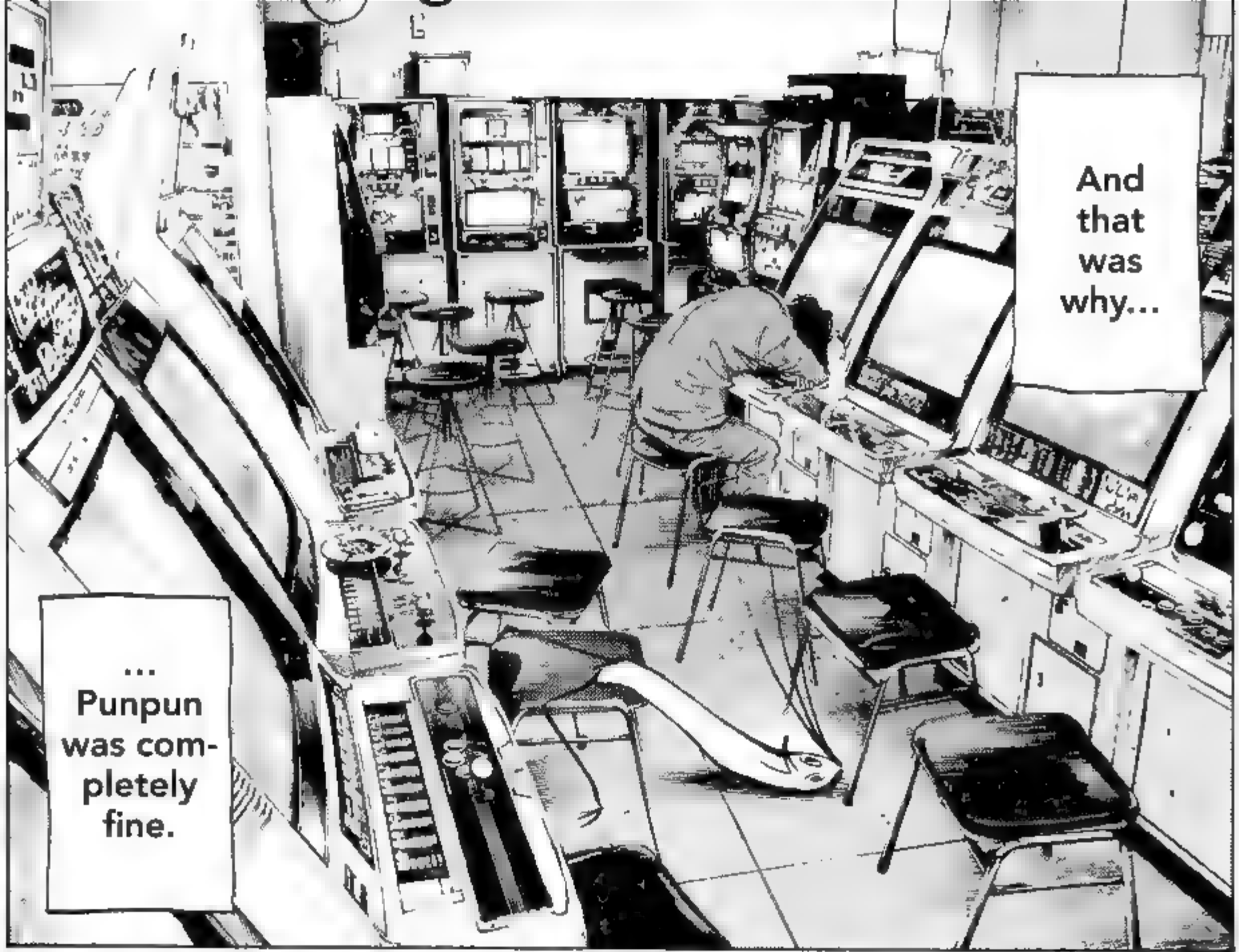


Just a few days into their relationship, Kanie's kissing monster will activate. She'll be on him relentlessly, even in public. Punpun will feel a little panicked in the beginning, but soon he'll be melting under her masterfully lewd tongue work. Oh my, what a dirty girl!



One night in her room, while her parents are out at a wedding, they'll finally be able to undress each other and share their body heat. They'll lose their minds rubbing against each other. Punpun will feel a heat on his thigh from deep within the nest of her pubic hair when suddenly she'll say, "Let's turn out the lights." For a second, Punpun will be disappointed that she's acting all coy, but he's a gentleman and will attempt insertion. But seeing her face all screwed up with pain, her body writhing, Punpun won't be able to keep from saying, "Sorry, maybe we should stop. I don't want to push you." Even though it's dark, Punpun will sense her expression gradually changing from anguish to joy as she whispers in his ear, "No, it's okay... I don't mind if it's you. Because..." She'll falter, then say, "Because I love you." Ahhh, Punpun won't be able to stop from holding her tight.



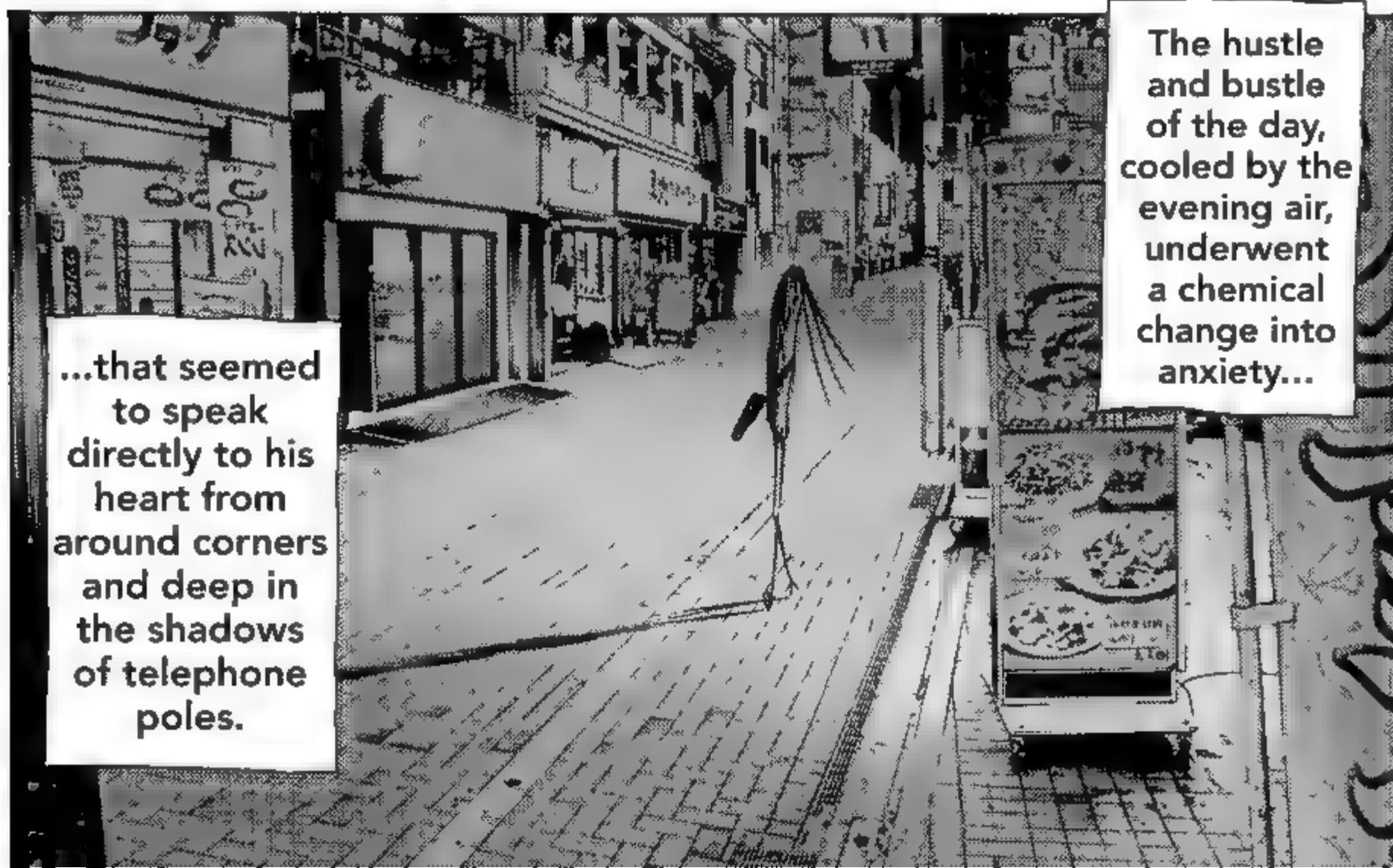




...to quiet
Punpun's
emotions.

...and
sufficiently
dark and
still...

The May
night was
chilly...





...caressed
him slowly
on the cheek
before
disappearing.

As if to
mock him,
the night
breeze...

...and
ended up
alone for
life...?

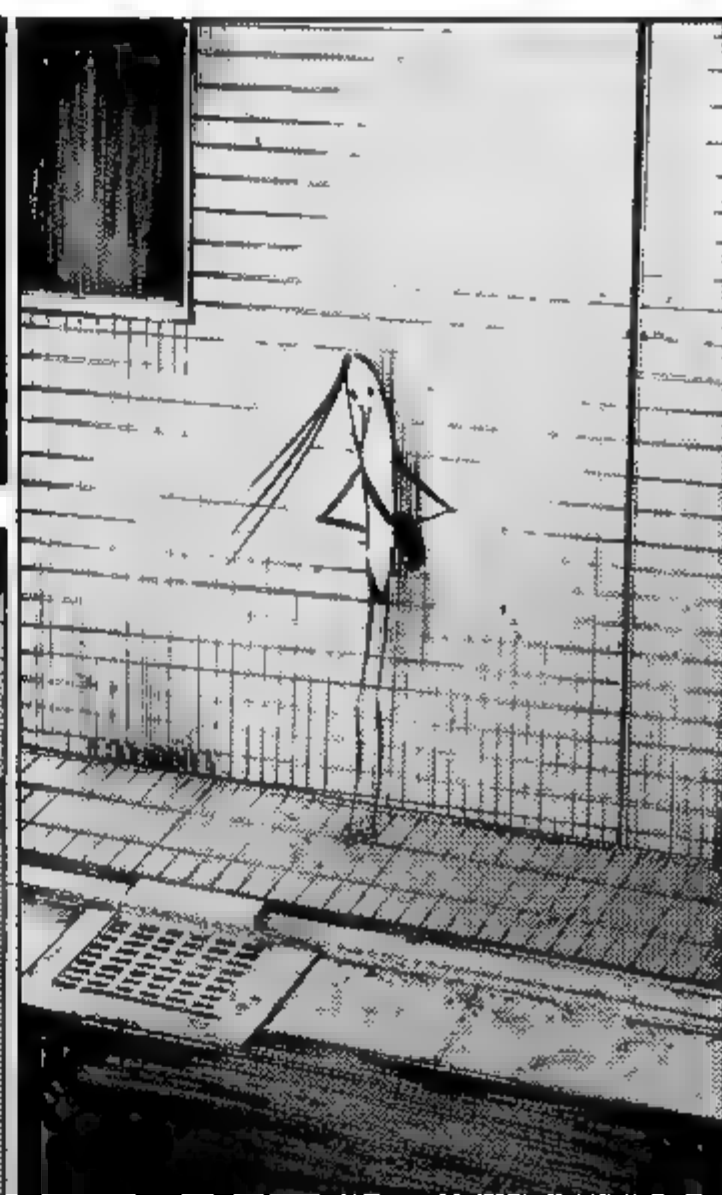
What if he
messed up
his date with
Kanie...

...restless.

...made
Punpun's
heart...

...the
city at
night...

Some-
how...





"The
Punpun"

"Someone
please
come find
me..."

Punpun
murmured
softly to
himself...



YOUR
DAD
DIED?

HUH?

BABY...



NO,
THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEANT.

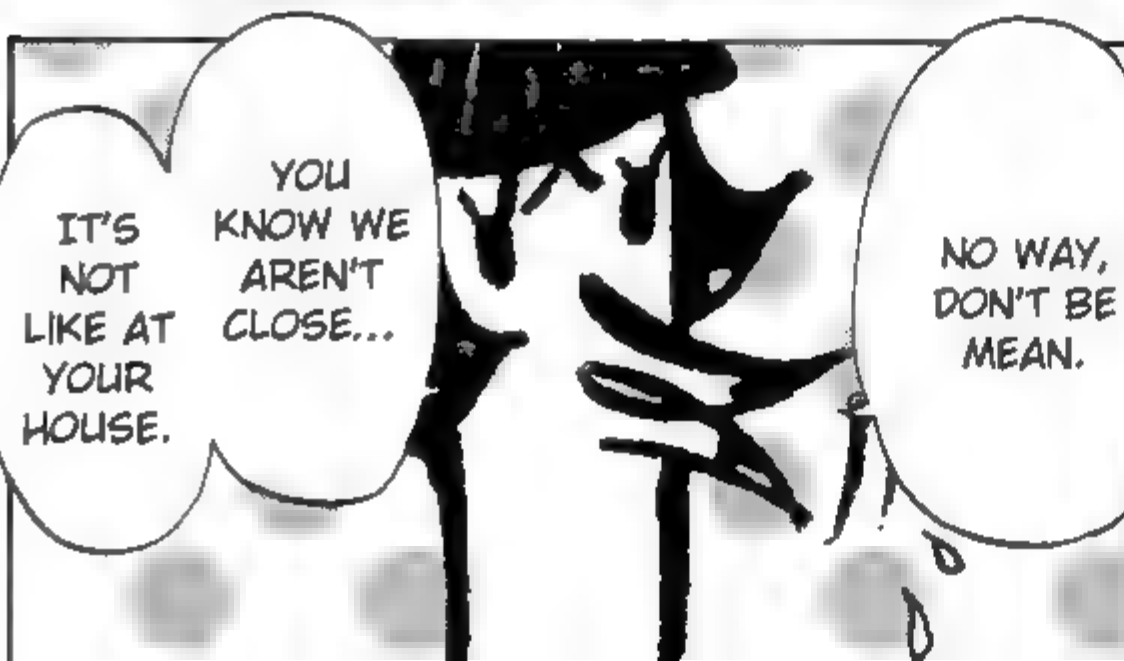
WHAT?

I'M AS
BLUMMED
ABOUT IT
AS ANY
AVERAGE
PERSON
COULD BE.

YOU
HAVE A
PROBLEM
WITH
THAT?



THEN
WHY
AREN'T
YOU WITH
YOUR
SON?



IT'S
NOT
LIKE AT
YOUR
HOUSE.

YOU
KNOW WE
AREN'T
CLOSE...

NO WAY,
DON'T BE
MEAN.



THERE'S
NO WAY
I CAN BE
ALONE ON
A NIGHT
LIKE THIS.



MAYBE I'LL
TELL YOUR
WIFE ABOUT
US.



PICK
YOUR
MOMENT—
GOD!

W-
WHAT
...?

I TOLD
YOU I WAS
DOWN! SAY
SOMETHING
TO MAKE
ME FEEL
BETTER!

YOU'RE
LECTURING
ME, YOU
ASSHOLE?

I
WENT
TOO
FAR.

OH,
WHOA
...!

S-
SORRY.

DON'T
THINK JUST
BECAUSE
YOUR DICK'S A
LITTLE LONGER
THAN MOST
THAT YOU'RE
SOMETHING
SPECIAL!

THERE,
THERE,
THAT'S
A GOOD
GIRL.

SOB
...

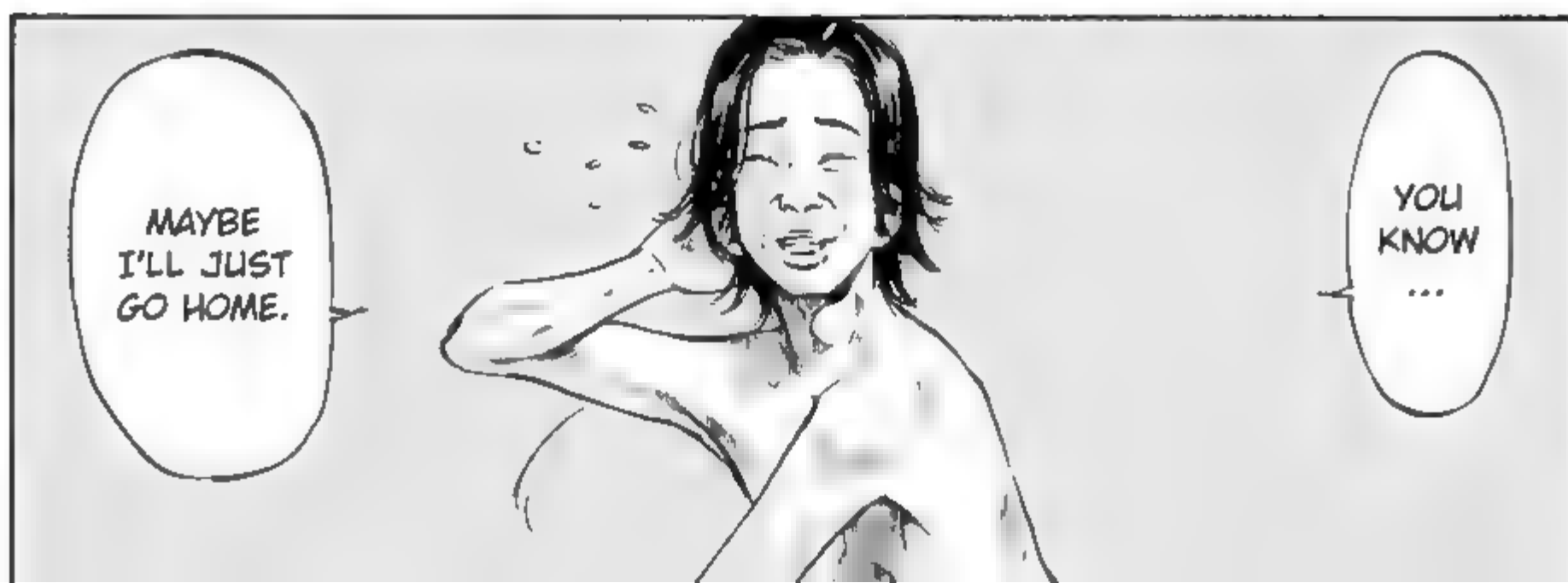
SOB
...

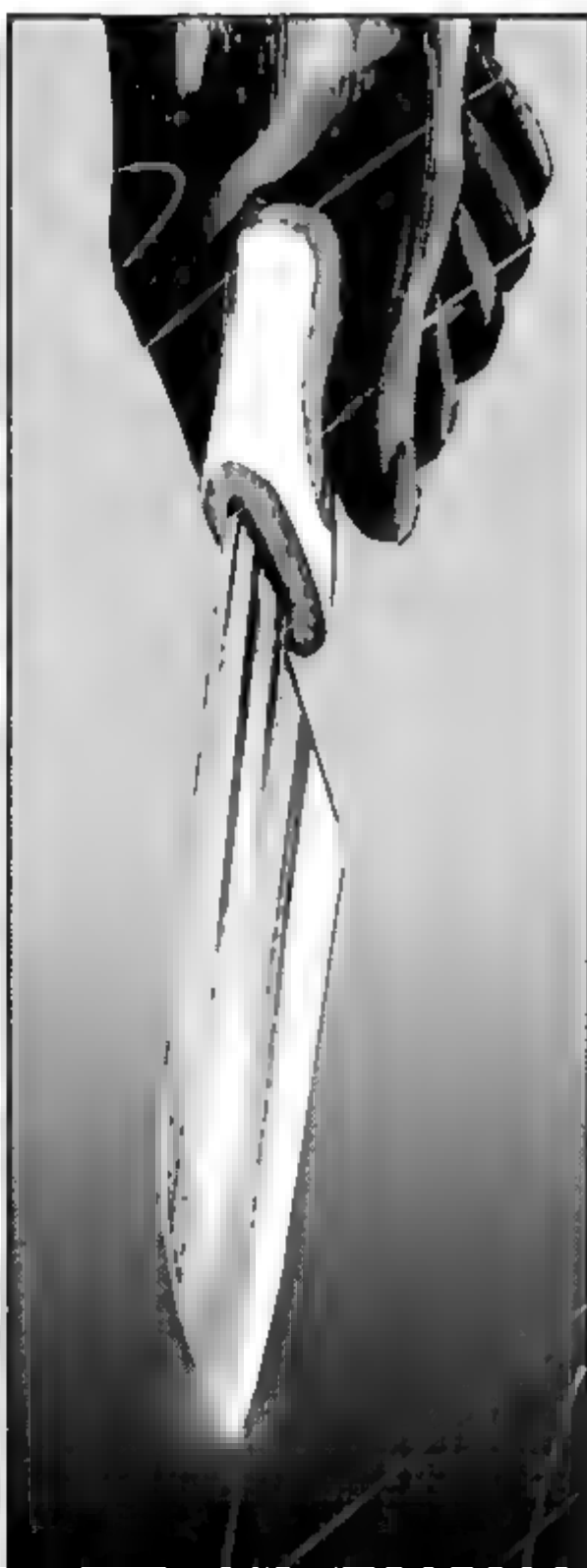
THAT
WAS
HARSH
...

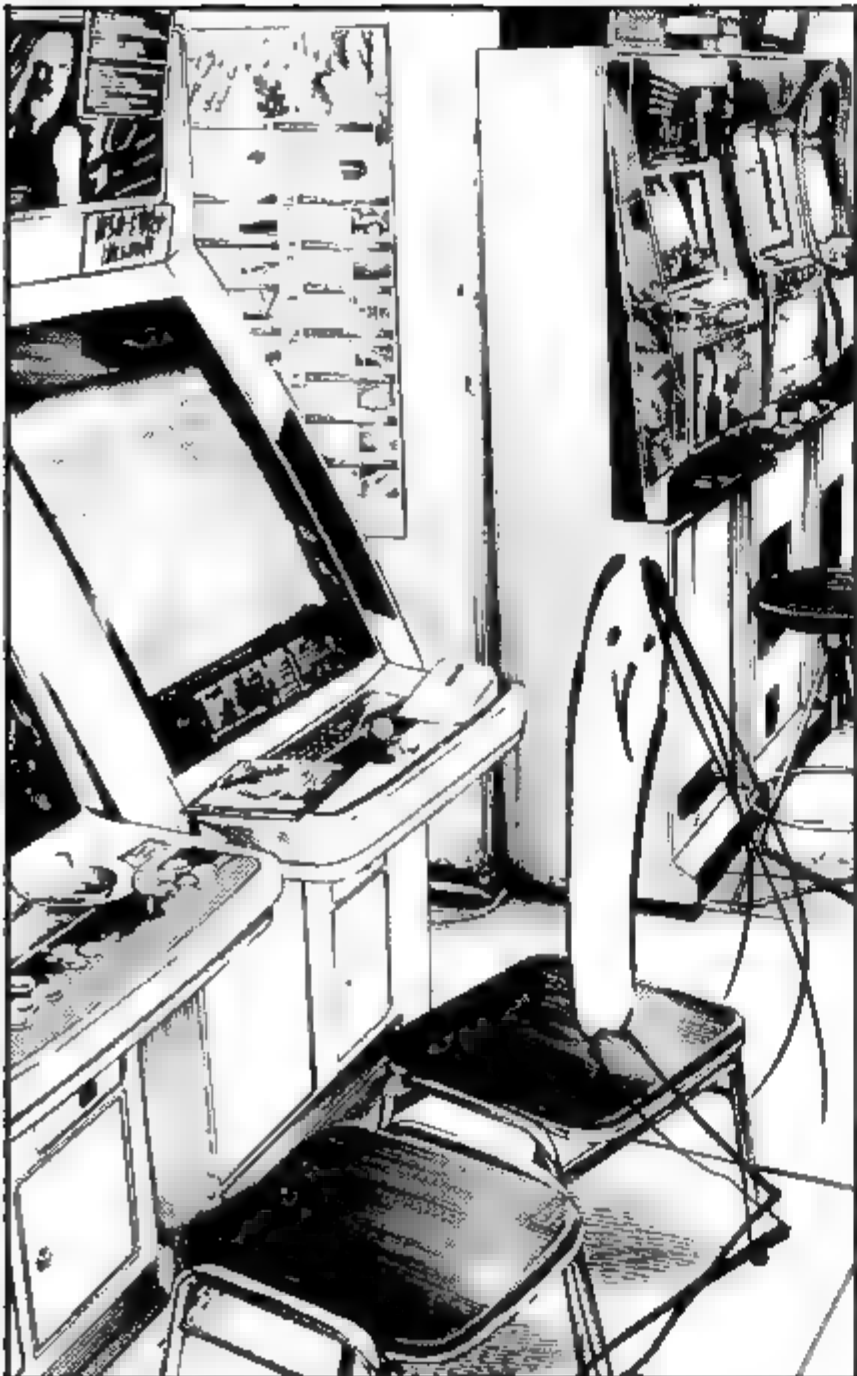
YOU'RE
DEAD WRONG
IF YOU THINK
I'LL KEEP
ACTING LIKE A
CONVENIENT
SIDE PIECE!

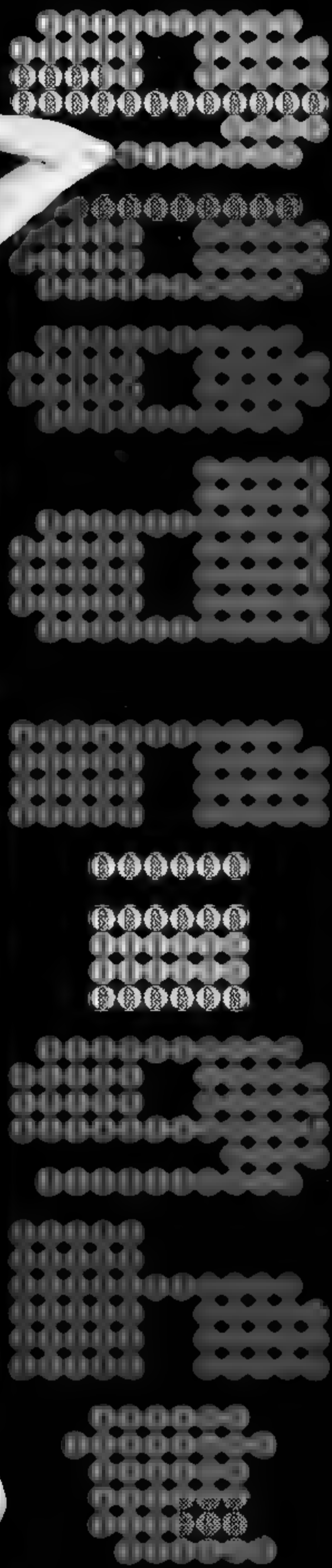
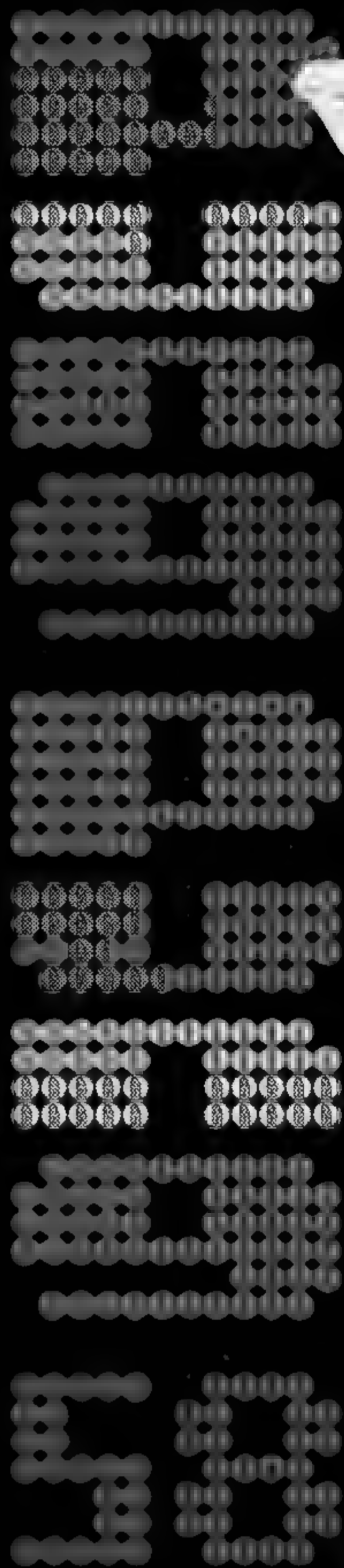


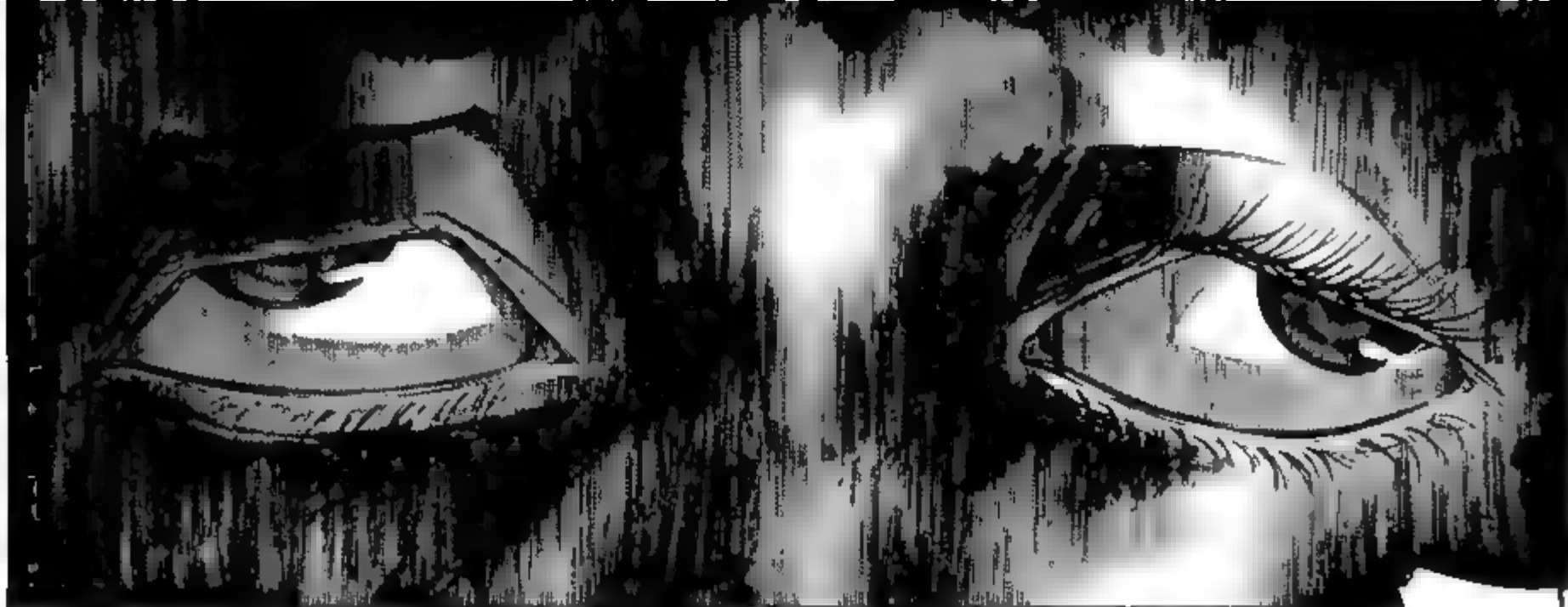

















AND THEN
I'M GOING TO
FERTILIZE YOUR
SHIT OF A WIFE
AND BE BORN
AS YOUR
ULTIMATE SHIT
OF A DAUGHTER,
SO JUST WAIT
FOR IT!

I'M
GOING TO
COME
BACK AS
YOUR
SPERM!

YEAH,
THAT'S
IT!



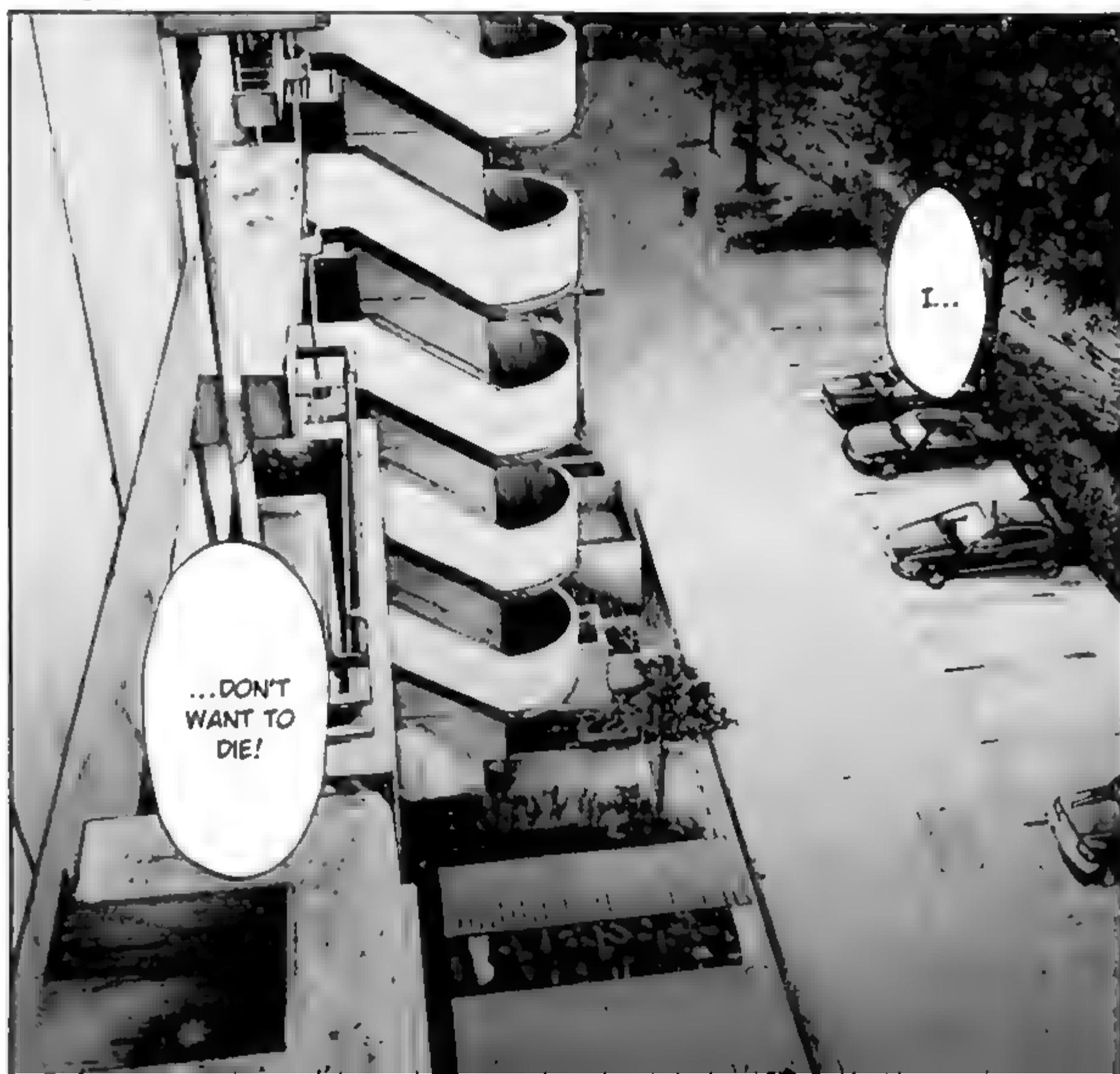
I'M
GOING TO
DESTROY
THAT SHIT
FROM THE
INSIDE
OUT!

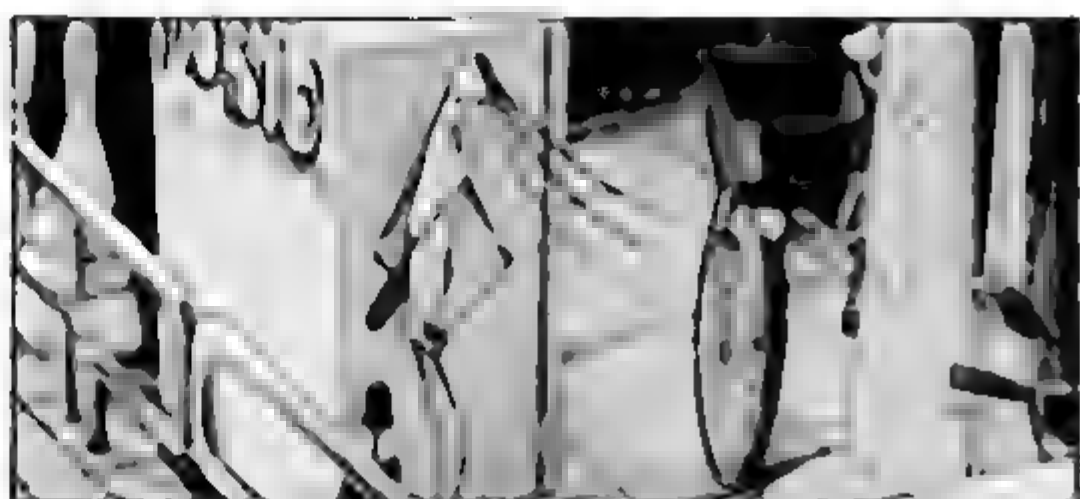
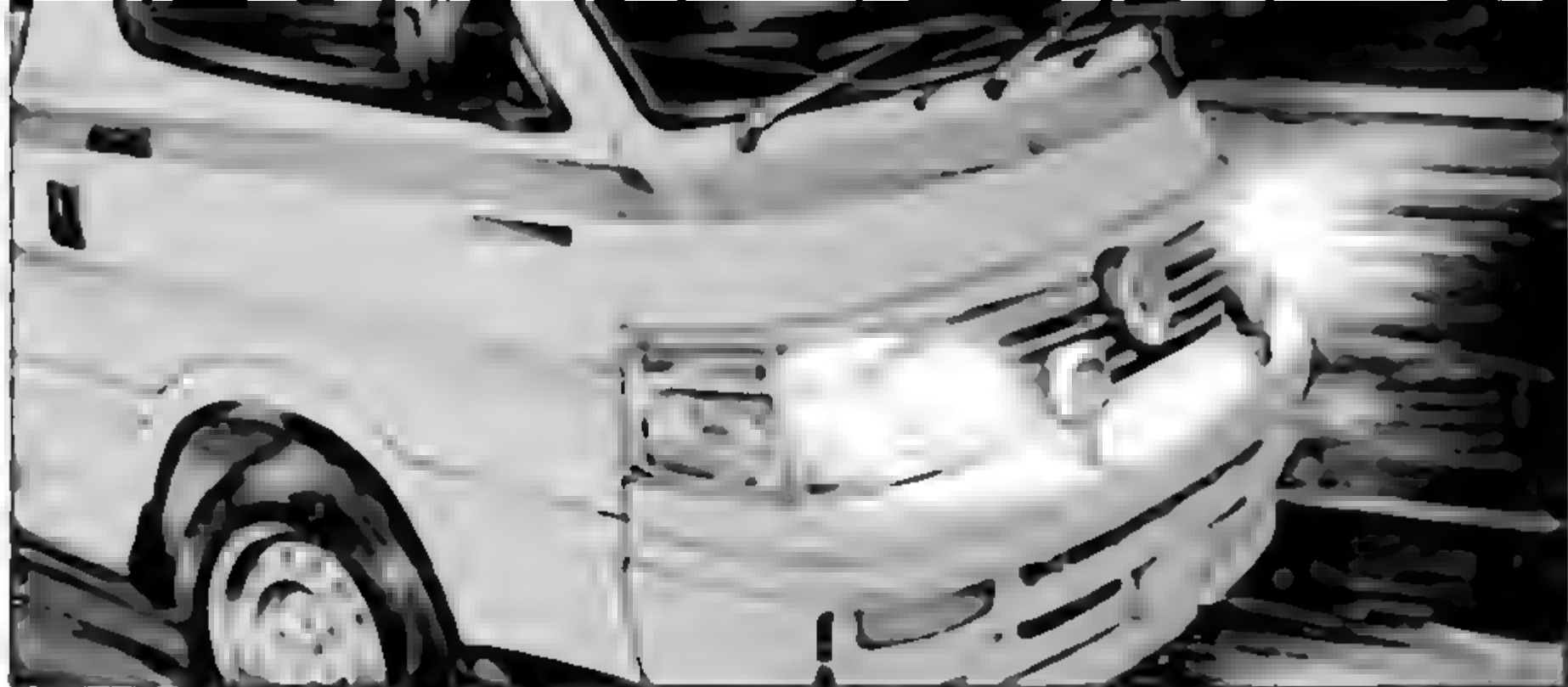
THAT LIFE
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
BUILDING...

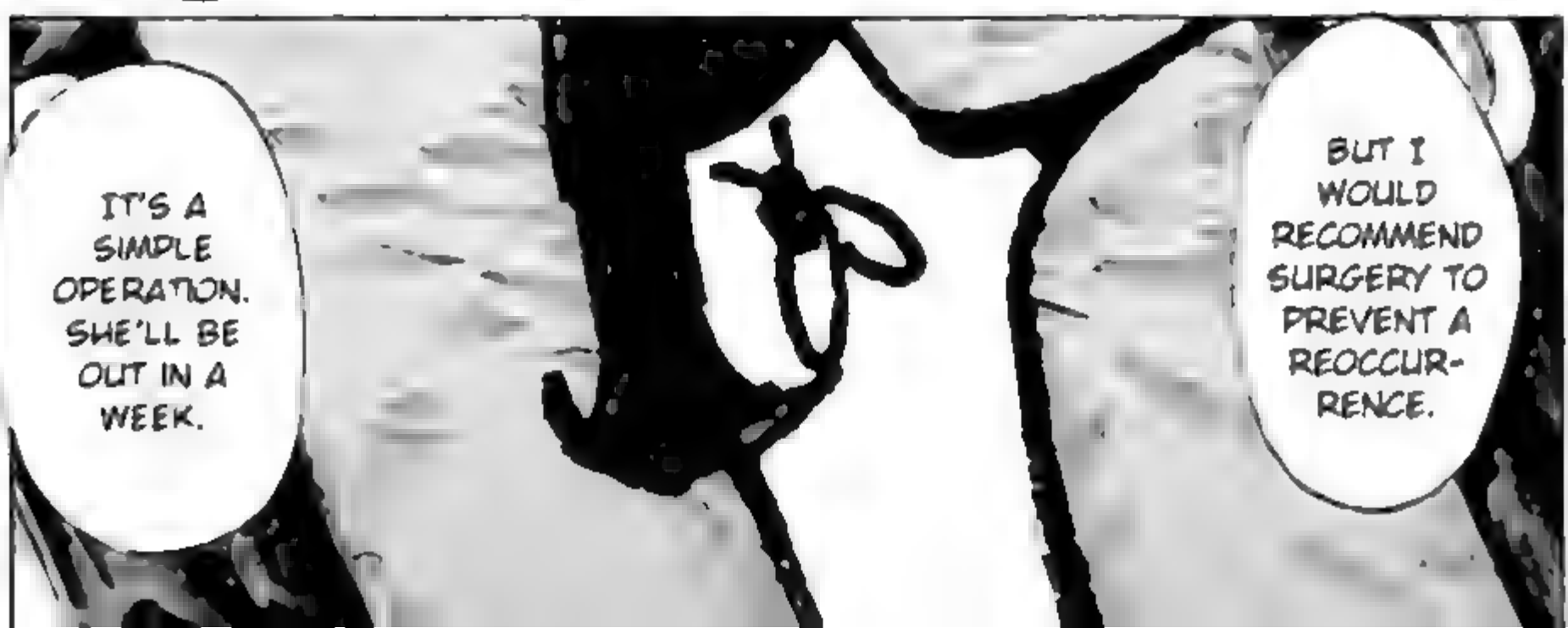
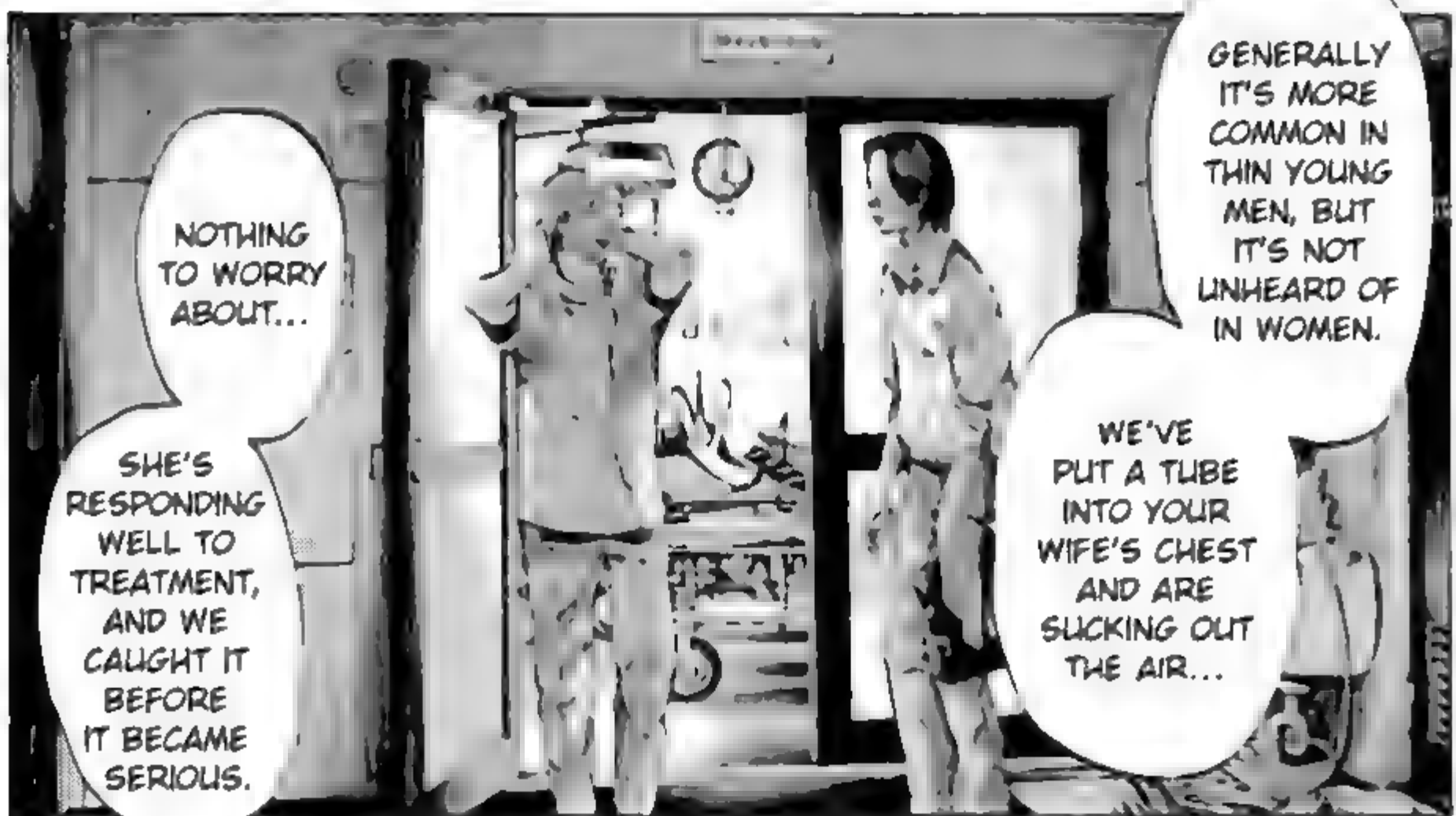
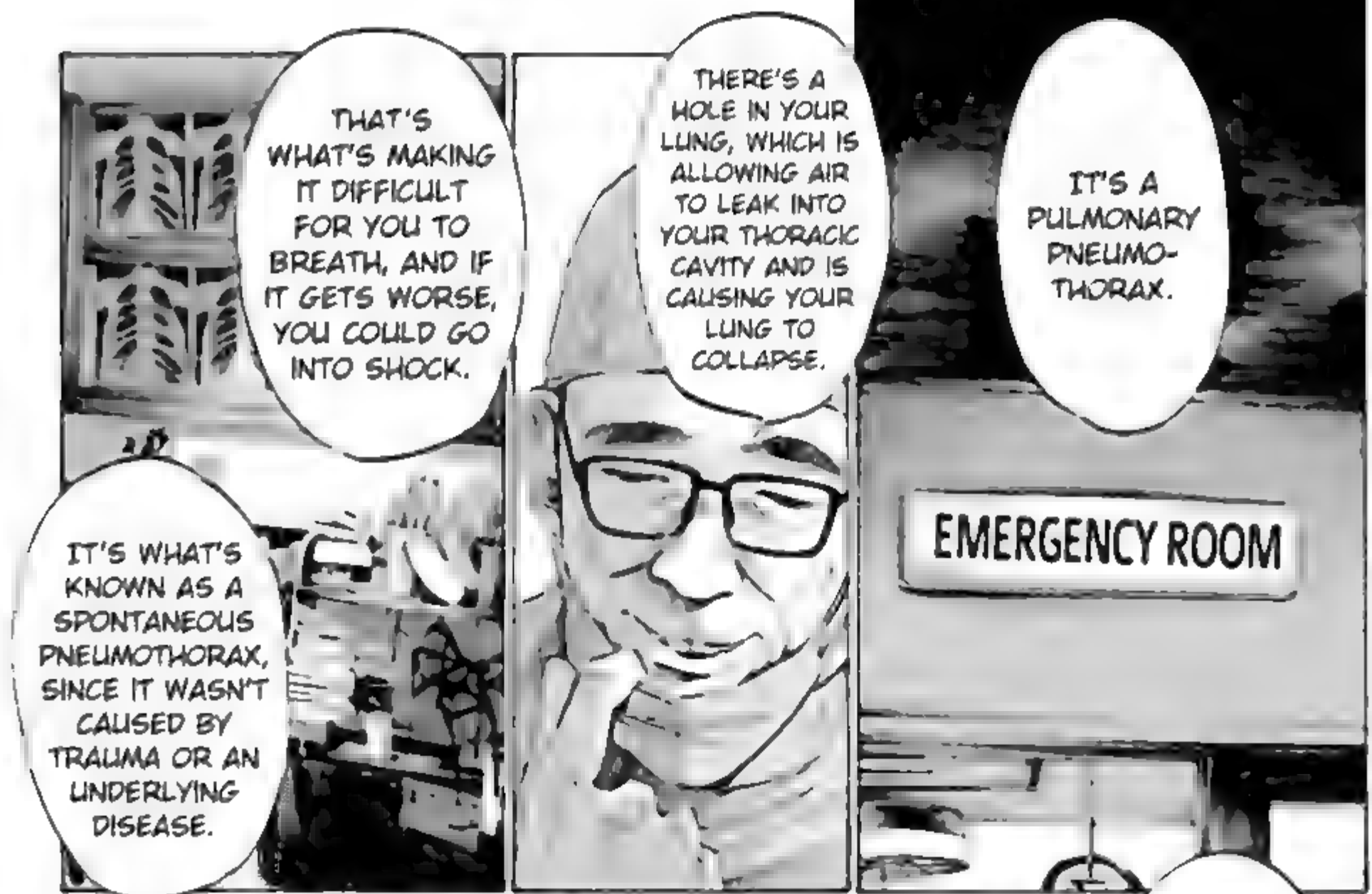
HA
HA HA!
COUGH
COUGH!

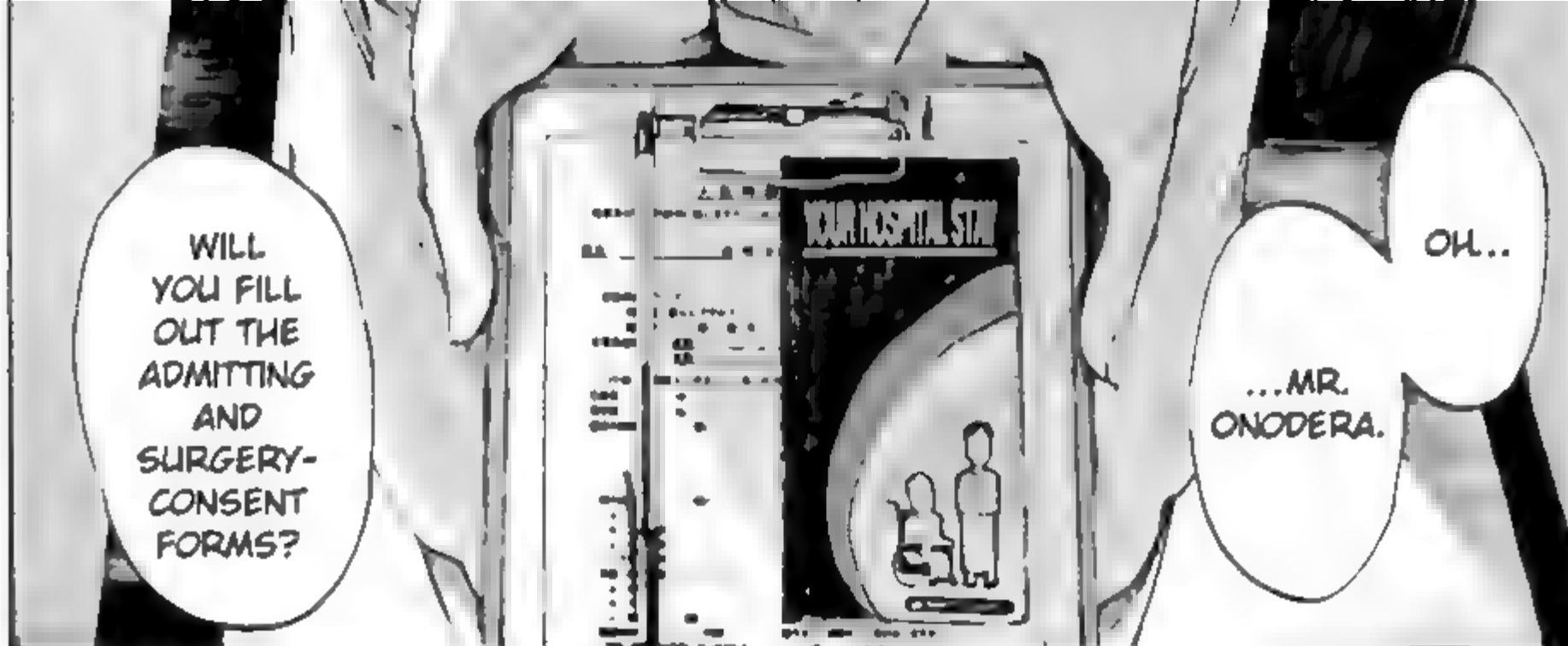
...THAT
AVERAGE,
CONVEN-
TIONAL,
PEACEFUL
LIFE...











WILL
YOU FILL
OUT THE
ADMITTING
AND
SURGERY-
CONSENT
FORMS?

OH...

...MR.
ONODERA.



UM...

UHR...

HUH?

UH...

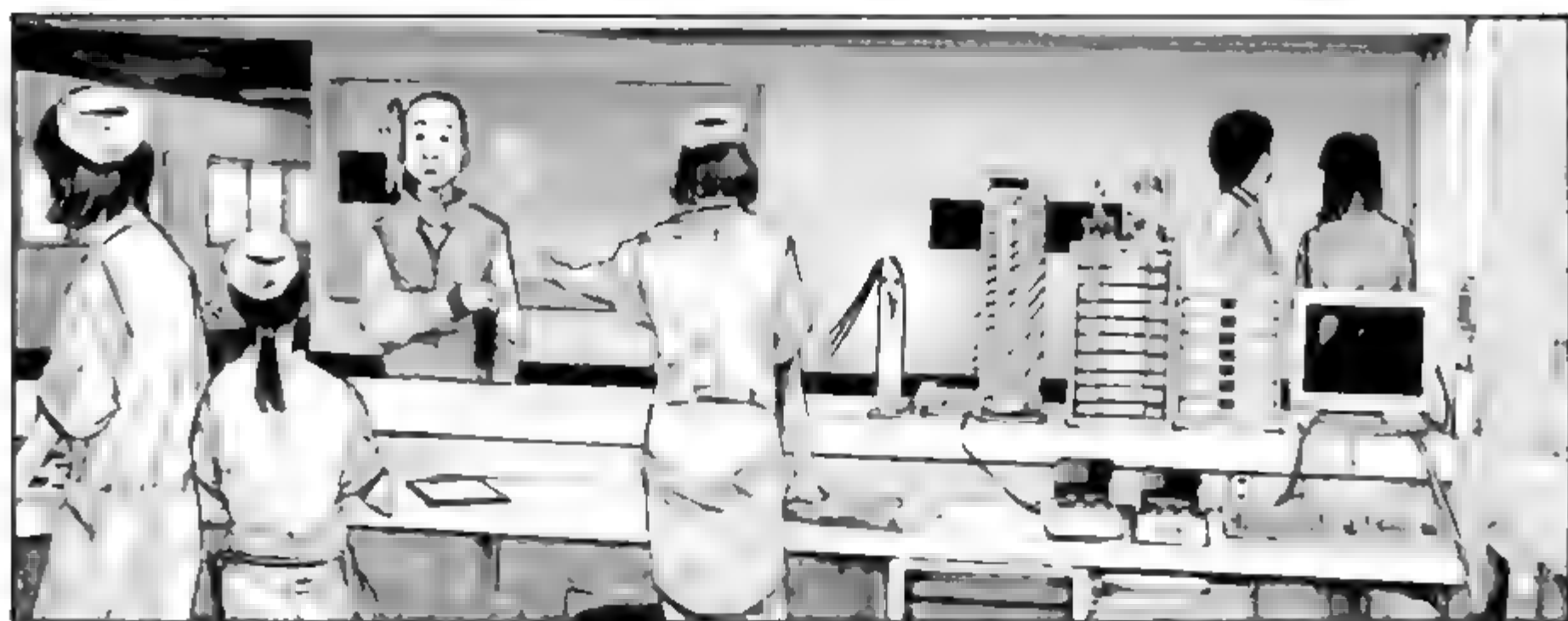


HE'S
JUST...

...A
PASSERBY.
HE'S
NOTHING
TO ME.

HE'S
NOT—



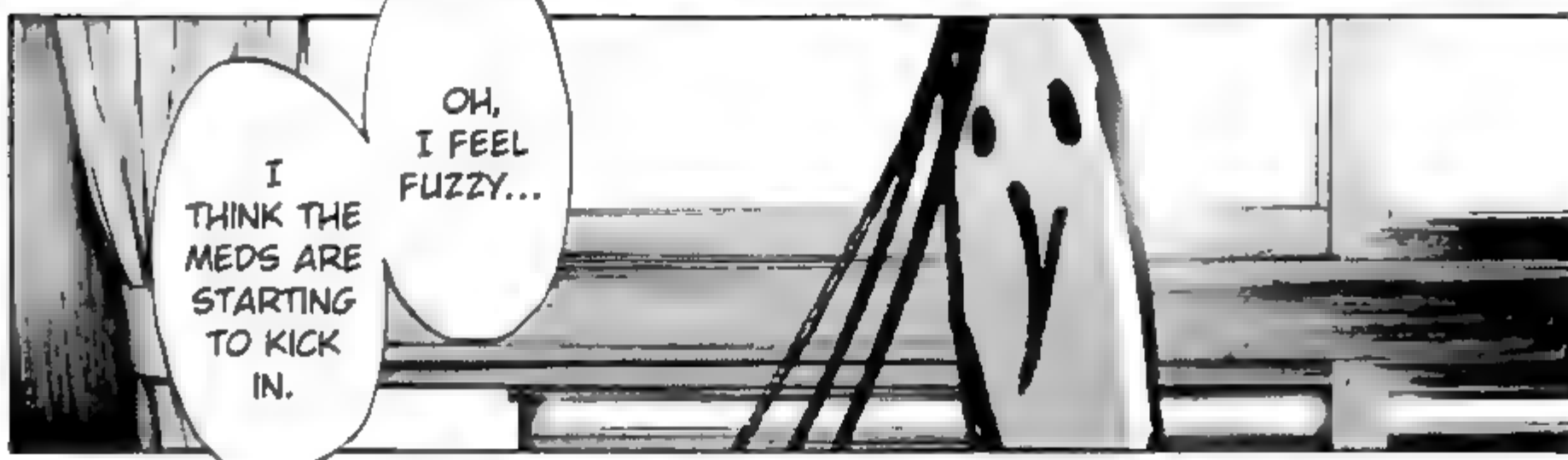




I
SAID A
LOT OF
THINGS
YESTER-
DAY.

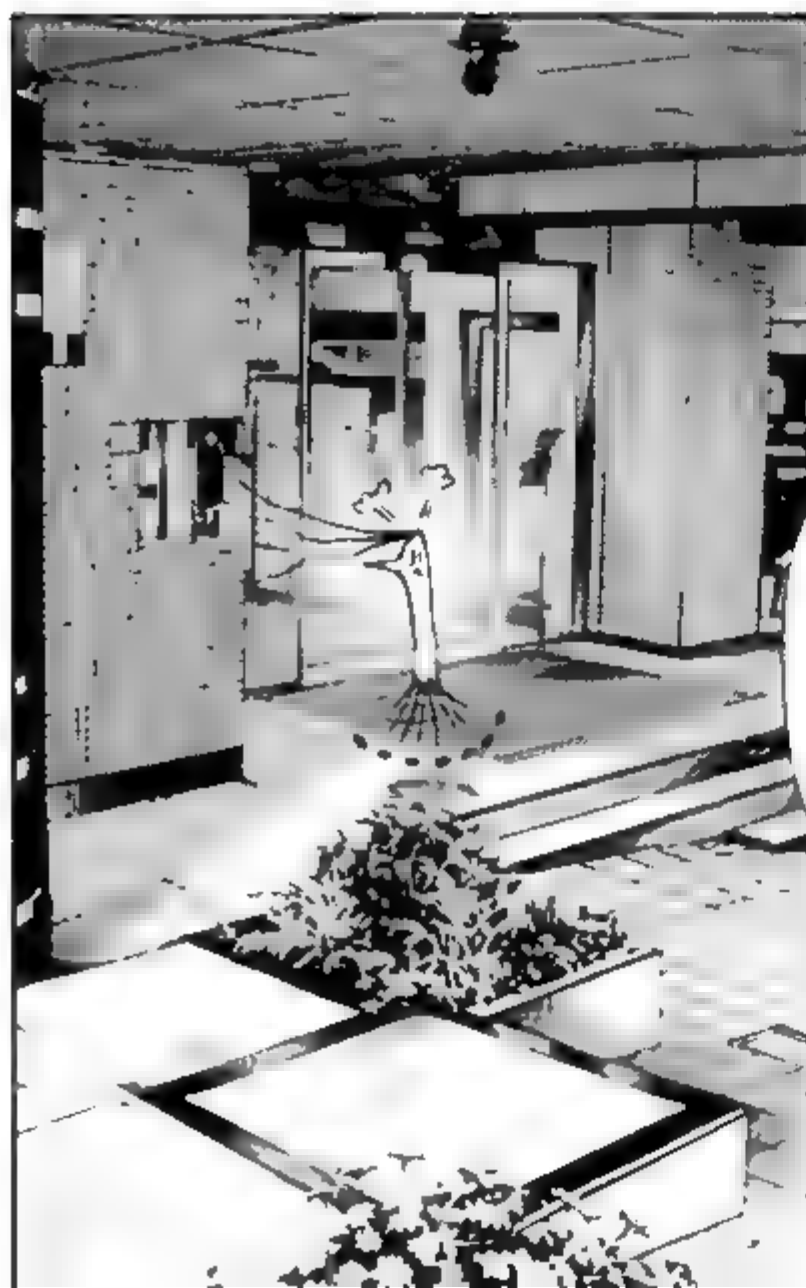
I'M
SORRY.

YOU
KNOW
...



I
THINK THE
MEDS ARE
STARTING
TO KICK
IN.

OH,
I FEEL
FUZZY...



SO YOU
DON'T NEED
TO VISIT. I
KNOW YOU
DON'T WANT
TO...

MIDORI
WILL COME
AND TAKE
CARE OF
ME.

MAKE
SURE YOU
GO TO
SCHOOL.





...SO... I OH...
ALONE AM...
RIGHT
NOW.



...TO ASK BUT I'M I
SOMEONE TOO HAVE
FOR HELP. EMBAR- TO
RASSED... PEE...



WHO
KNEW THE
LENGTH
OF ONE
HALLWAY
...

...COULD
BE LIFE
OR
DEATH?



HELP
ME!

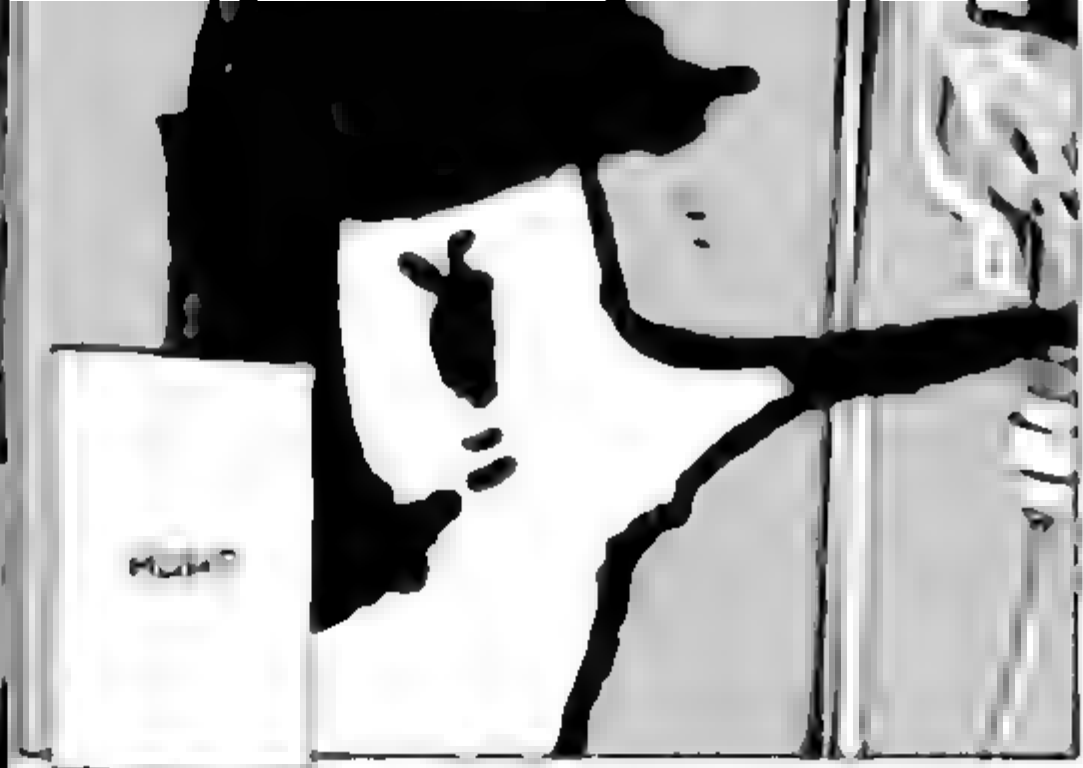
DON'T
JUST
STAND
THERE...

MOVE!



I
WONDER IF
THE PEOPLE
WHO WORK
IN AN
OPTOMETRY
OFFICE ALL
HAVE BAD
VISION?

IDIOT,
WE DON'T
HAVE TIME
FOR THAT
NOW.



OH,
MAYBE I
OVERDID
IT A BIT
WITH
THE PAIN
MEDS.

HEY
IS MY
MOMMY

WAIT A
MINUTE...



NEVER
MIND
THAT
I HAVE
TO GO

WAIT
WHERE
AM I
GOING?

WOW,
FOREIGNERS
ARE HUGE.

IF I DON'T
HURRY, MY
POT WILL
BOIL OVER.

I
NEED TO
HURRY

ADVERT
MENT
THAT...

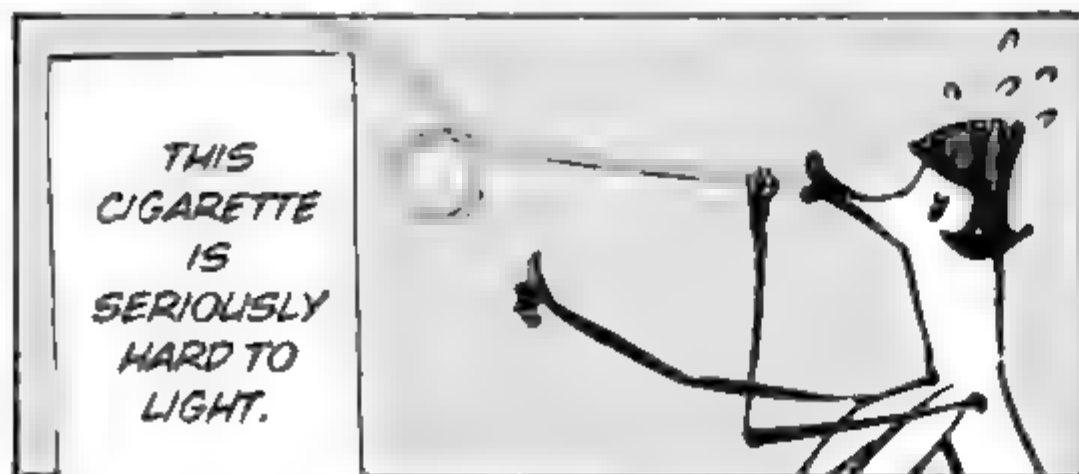


IT WAS
JUST MY
IMAGINA-
TION.

OH,
PHEW...



WAIT,
DIDN'T I
SELL THE
HOUSE?



THIS
CIGARETTE
IS
SERIOUSLY
HARD TO
LIGHT.

CALM
DOWN,
CALM
DOWN...

I'M
SO
CON-
FUSED...

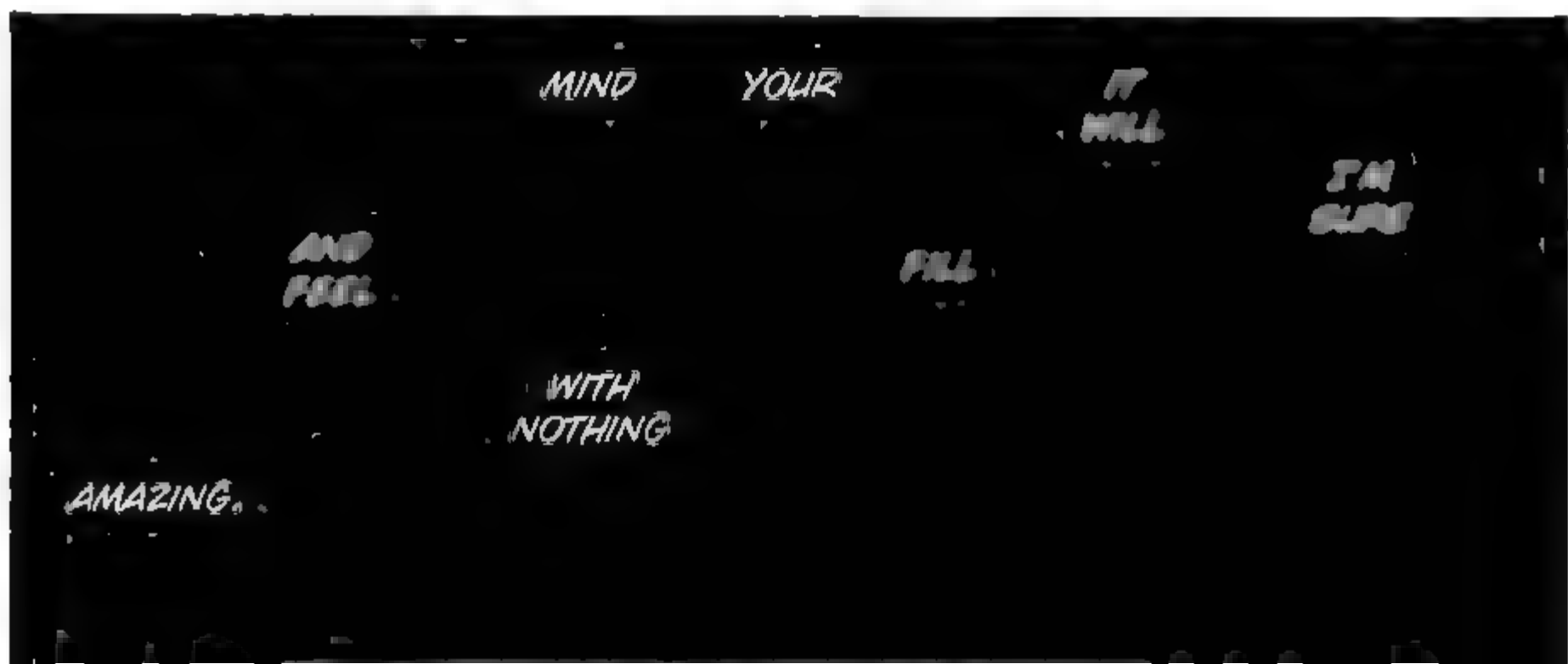
WAIT A
MINUTE

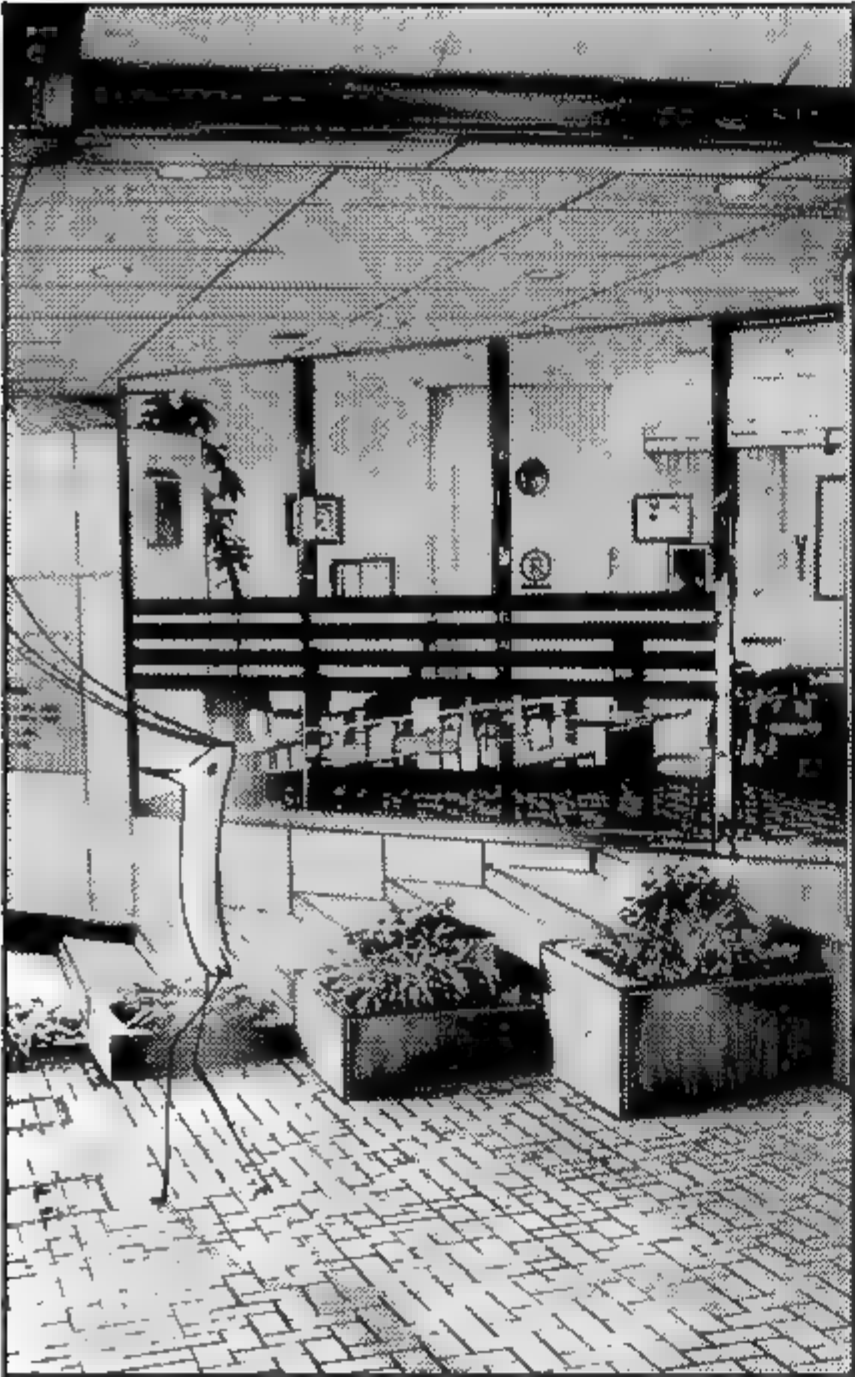
OH NO,
MIDORI'S
GOING TO
YELL AT
ME AGAIN.

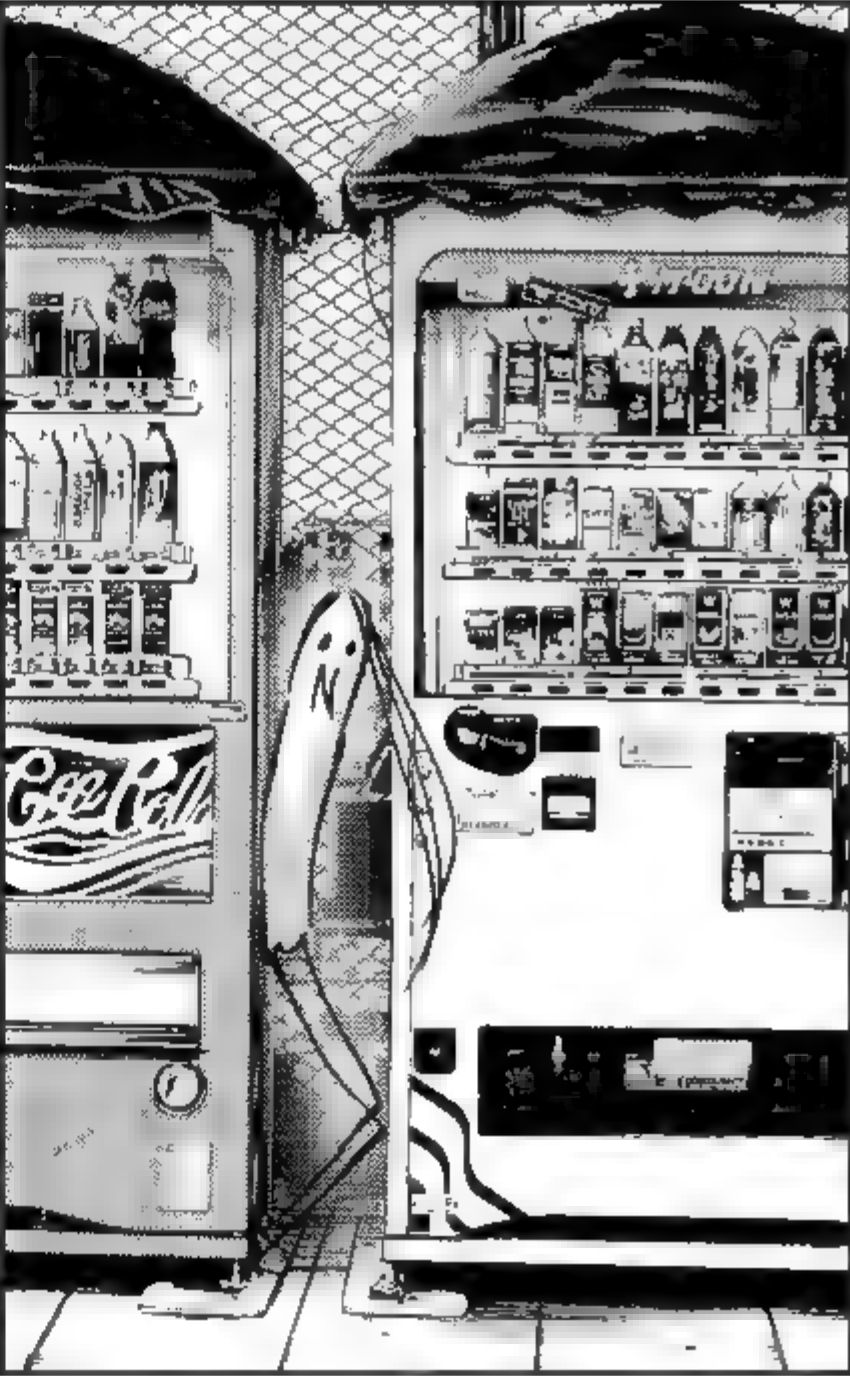
NO
SMOKING
EXCEPT FOR
DESIGNATED
AREAS...

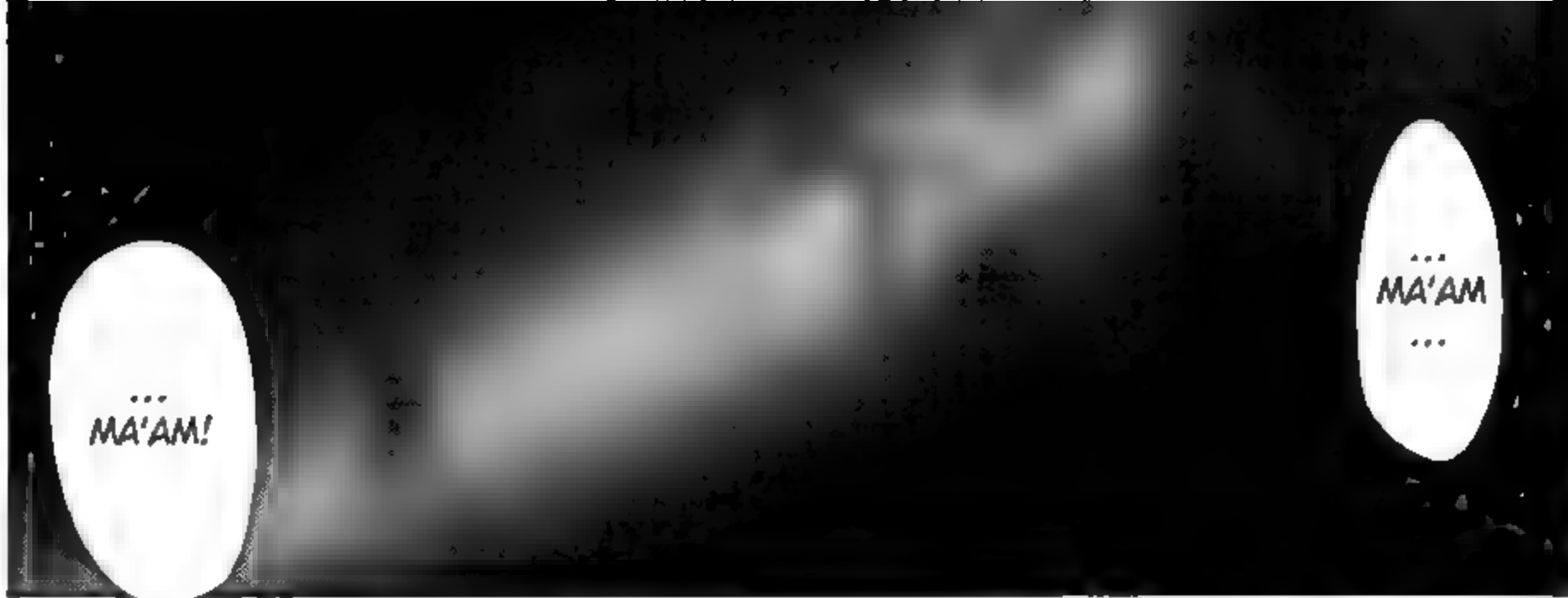
AREN'T
I IN THE
HOSPITAL?







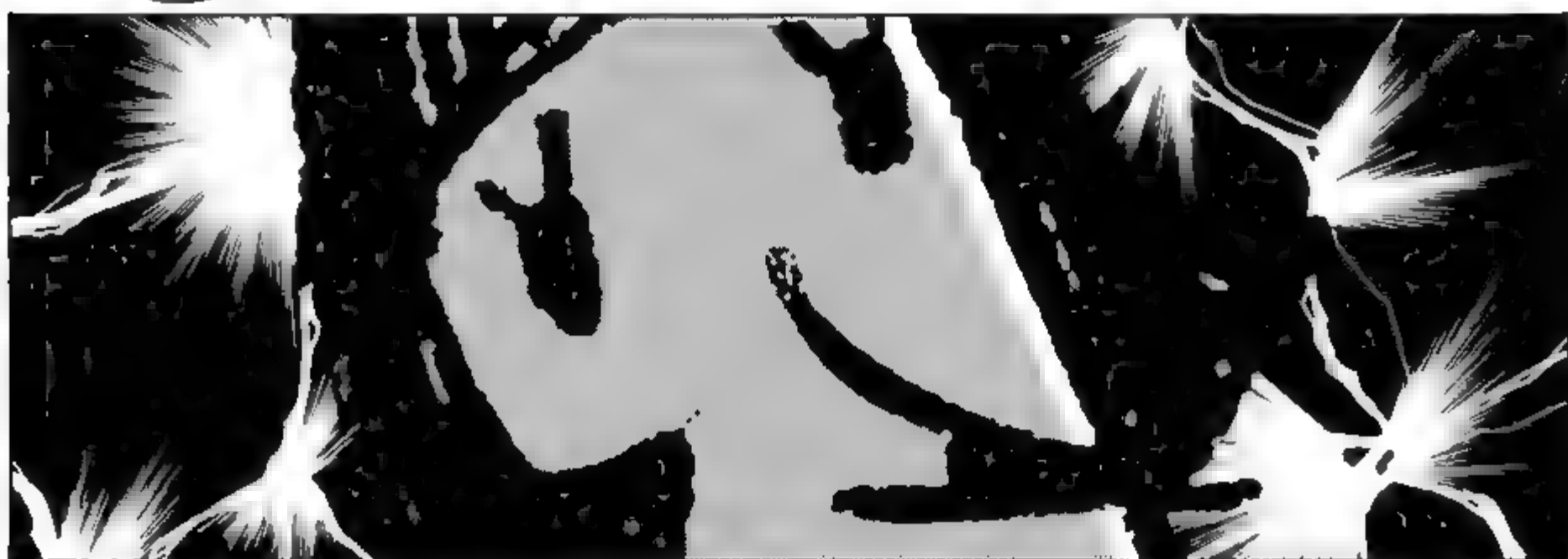






OH,
THANK
GOOD-
NESS.

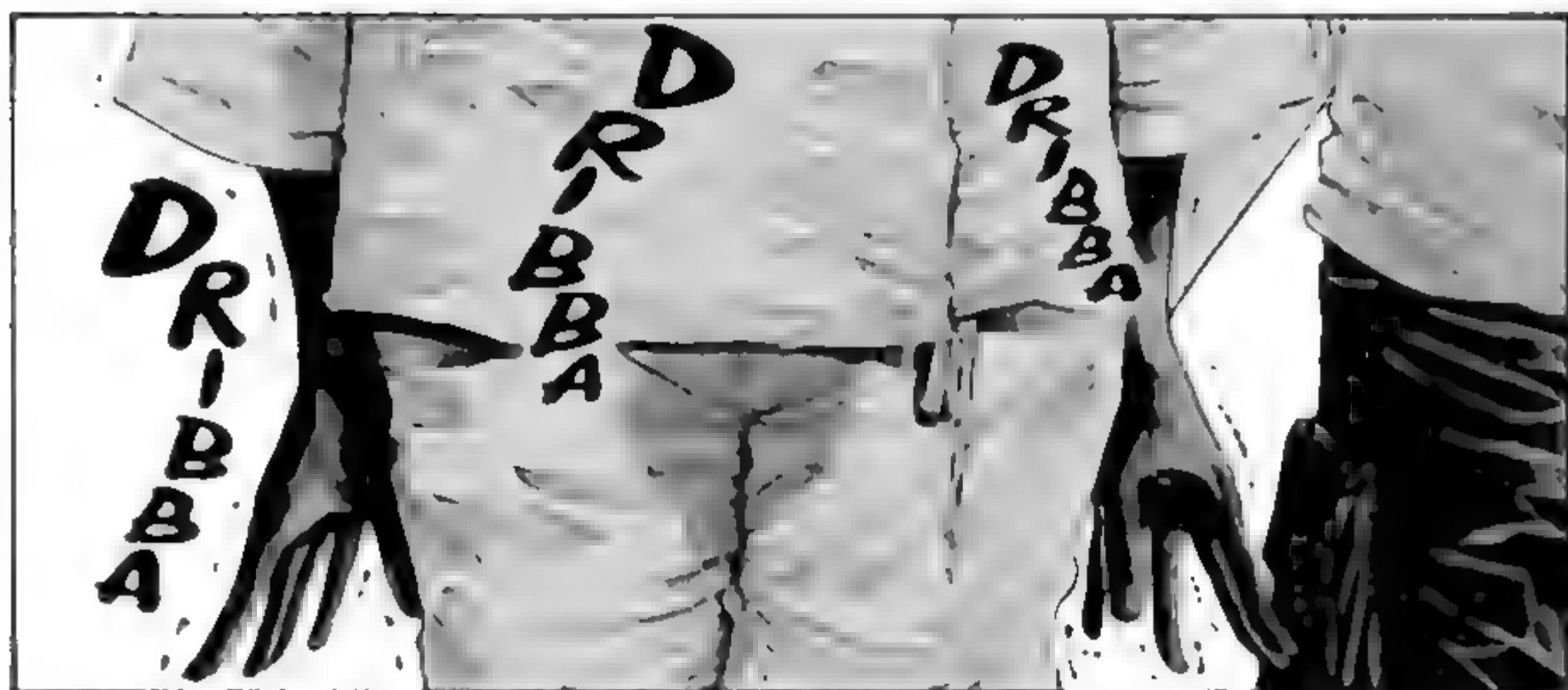
DO YOU
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOING
ON?

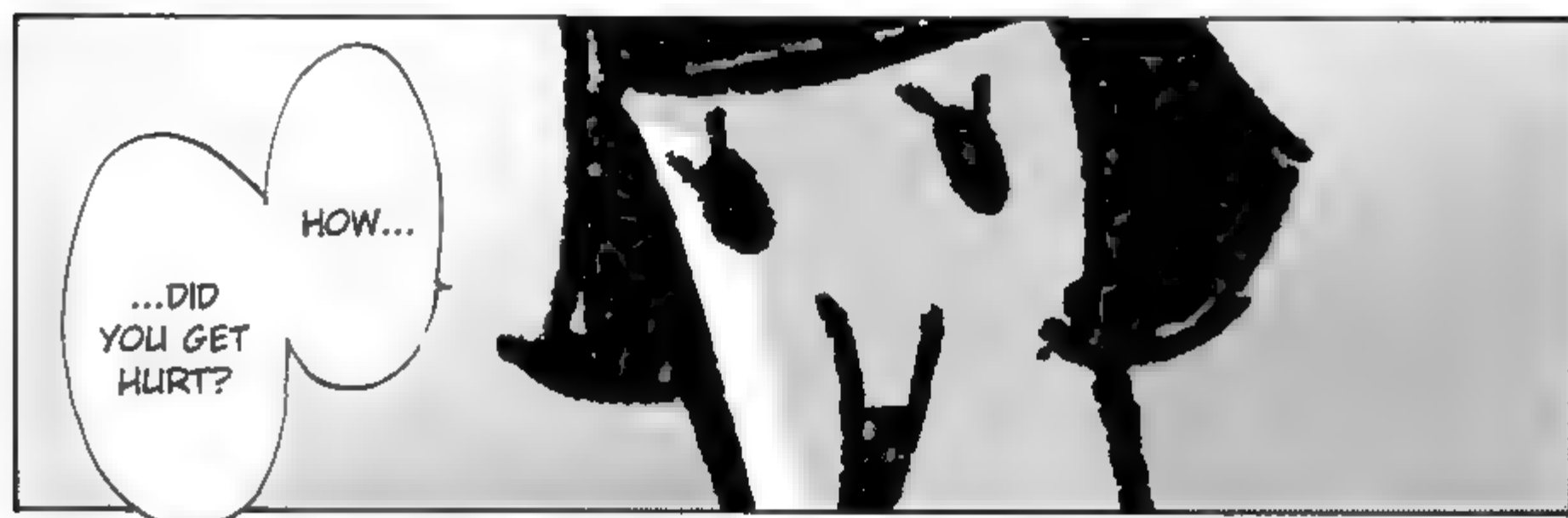


MRS.
ONODERA
...

I
TOLD
YOU TO
STAY IN
BED.

...
WHAT
HAD-
PENED
?!







I
THINK I'LL
HAVE TO
QUIT THE
SOCCER
TEAM...

NO,
YOU'RE
RIGHT...

...BUT IT'S
MADE ME
DECIDE
IT'S TIME
TO START
SERIOUSLY
STUDYING.



WHAT
IS IT?

OH...



YOU
SUCK AT
FLAT-
TERY.

HMMM
...

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT I
MEANT.

DON'T
WORRY.



OH,
YOU'RE
THE SAME
AGE AS
MY SON.

SO
YOU'RE
IN HIGH
SCHOOL?

I'M 16.
IT'S MY
FIRST
YEAR.

REALLY?
WOW,
YOU
DON'T
LOOK IT.



I FEEL
LIKE MY
LIFE IS A
MESS BE-
CAUSE I'M
HAVING
TROUBLE
...

...SAYING
GOODBYE
TO THE NO-
LONGER-
NECESSARY
WOMAN IN
ME.

IT'S
SO
GRIM...

IF I'M
GOING TO
WITHER,
I WISH IT
WOULD JUST
HURRY UP
AND HAPPEN
ALREADY.



UM...

I'M
HAPPY TO
LISTEN IF
YOU WANT
TO TALK.



OH,
WHAT AM
I EVEN
SAYING?

YOU
DON'T WANT
TO HEAR
THE LIFE
STORY OF
A MIDDLE-
AGED
WOMAN,
DO YOU?



NO...

...THAT'S
OKAY. I'D
BETTER
GET BACK
TO MY
ROOM.

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.
JUST
FORGET
EVERY-
THING I
SAID.



UM...

...WILL I
SEE YOU
AGAIN?

WHAT
AM I
DOING?

SHIT...



DO YOU
WANT ME
TO WALK
WITH
YOU?

NO, I'M
FINE NOW.
DON'T
PUSH
YOURSELF,
OKAY?



I'LL
DEFINITELY
BE HERE
TOMORROW
AND THE DAY
AFTER.

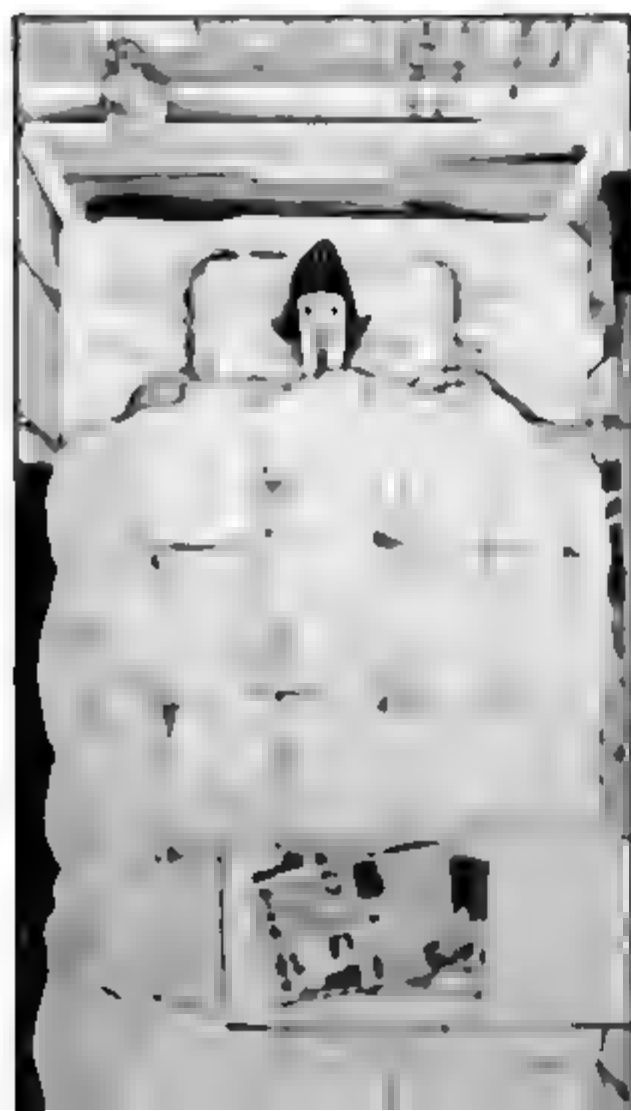
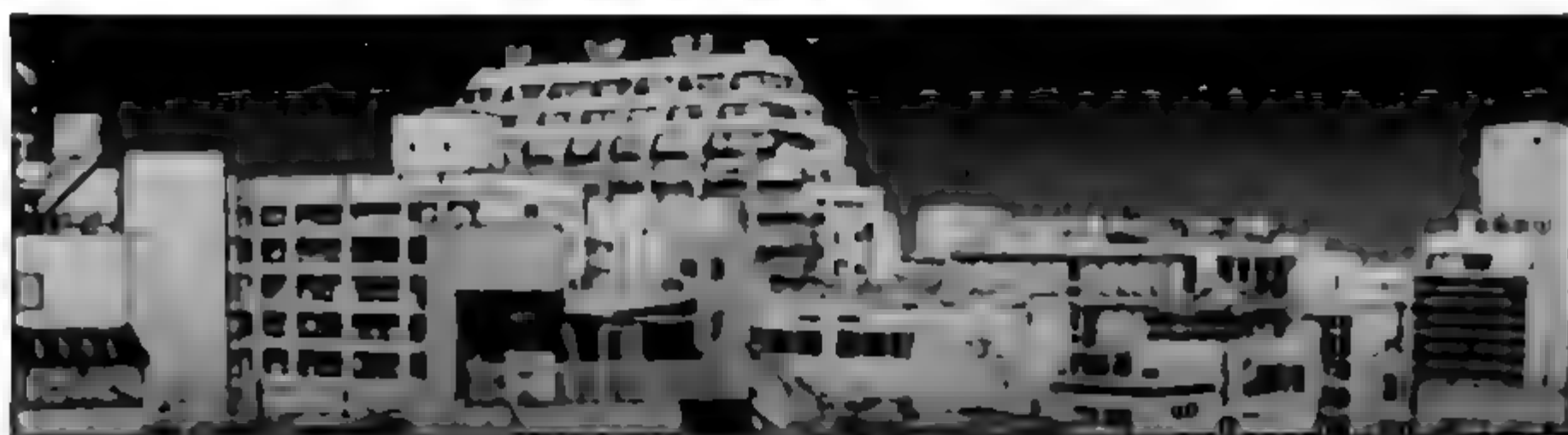
I
THINK
SO.



...WHAT'S
YOUR
NAME?

...
AND
...

OH...



...STAYING...

EVERY
THOUGHT
WAS ONLY
THOUGHT.
EVERY
WORD...

NO
THOUGHT
WAS
PLAYED...

AND
NOTHING

YOU IDIOT,
WHAT
ARE YOU
THINKING?

I WONDER
IF HE HAS A
GIRLFRIEND?

I
WANT TO
MASTUR-
BATE!

SIGH

AND I'LL
STOP
BEING
SO PICKY
ABOUT
MYSELF...
I GO
FOR.

IT'S
NOT
DREAM-
ING...

I
WANT
TO GET
BACK
TO
WORK.

IT'S
NOT LIKE
I'M NOT
THINKING
ABOUT
IT...

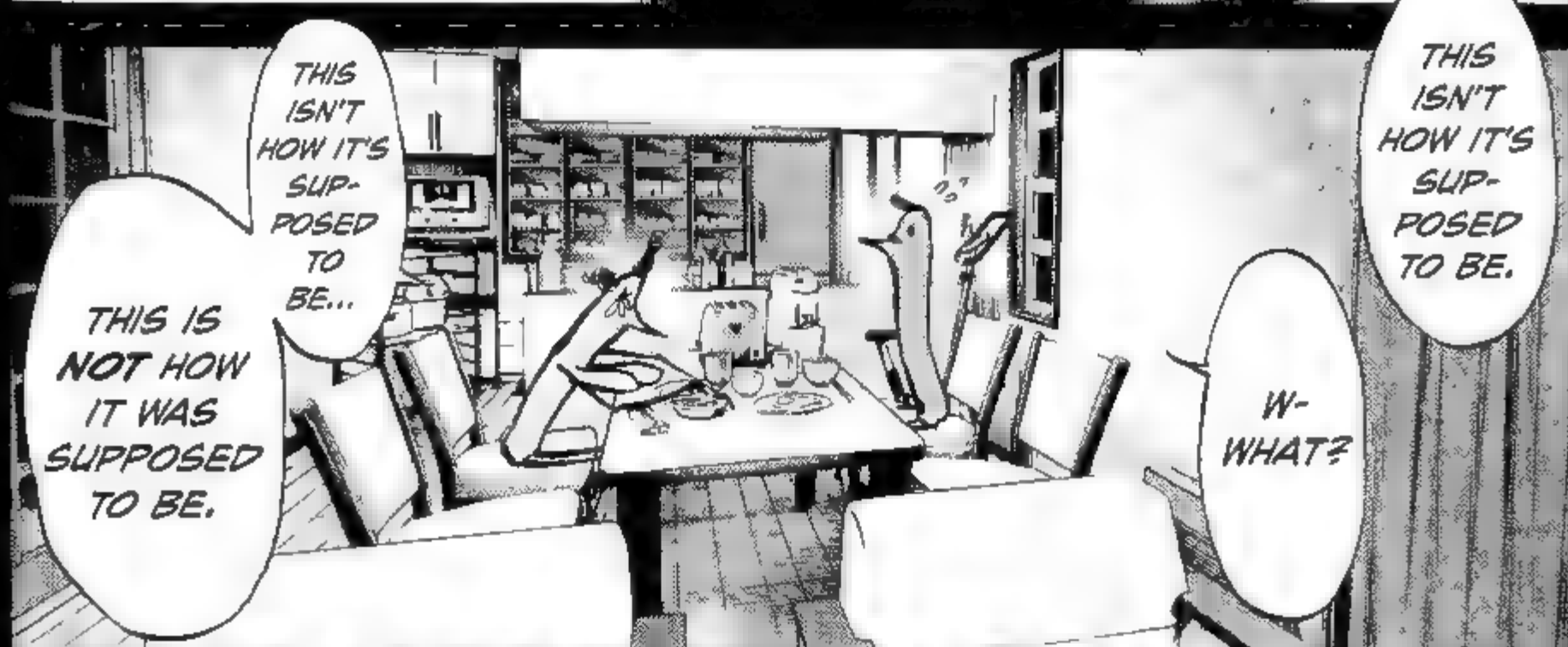


I'M
AFRAID
TO GO
BACK OUT
THERE...

BUT
YOU
KNOW...

...TEN
YEARS AGO,
I WAS
BUSTING MY
ASS LIKE
MY LIFE
DEPENDS
ON IT.

IF I
GET BACK
ON THAT
HORSE,
MAYBE I'LL
JUST GET
CHEWED UP
AGAIN.



THIS
ISN'T
HOW IT'S
SUP-
POSED
TO BE...

THIS IS
NOT HOW
IT WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE.

THIS
ISN'T
HOW IT'S
SUP-
POSED
TO BE.

W-
WHAT?



YOU
WANTED TO
BANG MORE
MEN, WHILE
YOU'RE AT
IT?



I
WANTED
TO PLAY
MORE.



YOU'RE
JUST
SPECU-
LATING-
DON'T BE
STUPID.

STOP
IT...



I
WANTED
TO SHOP
MORE.



I'LL
TAKE
PUNPUN.

...LET'S
SPLIT
UP.

YOU
KNOW
...

UM,
COULD
I HAVE
ANOTHER
GLASS
OF SAKE?
JUST ONE
MORE.

I'M
NOT
THINKING
STRAIGHT
...

YEAH
...



DO YOU
REALLY
THINK THE
TWO OF
YOU CAN
MAKE IT
ON YOUR
OWN?

YOU SAID
YOU
DIDN'T
EVEN
WANT
KIDS...

CAN YOU
RAISE HIM
ON YOUR
OWN AND
WORK
FULL-
TIME?

YOU
...



HOW
SELFISH
CAN YOU
BE?!

YOU
...!

...
BUT
...

...AT
LEAST IF
I'M BY
MYSELF, I
WON'T BE
LONELY.

I
DON'T
KNOW
...



HEY
HEY
HEY!

HEY
...

WAIT
...

YOU
...

CALM
DOWN!



HEY
...



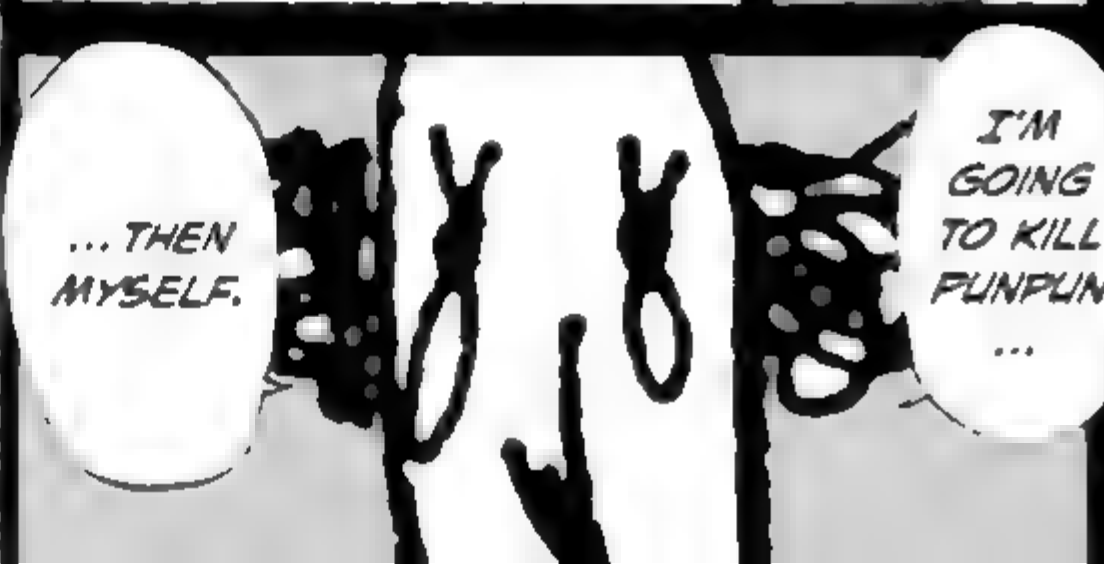
ARE
...

... YOU
CRAZY
?!



I'M
NOT
GOING
TO
STAB
YOU.

SHUT
UP.



... THEN
MYSELF.

I'M
GOING
TO KILL
PUNPUN
...



ARR

...

ARR!

URR
URR
URR
URR
URR
URRR!

THEN
KILL
ME!

ARR,
ARR

...

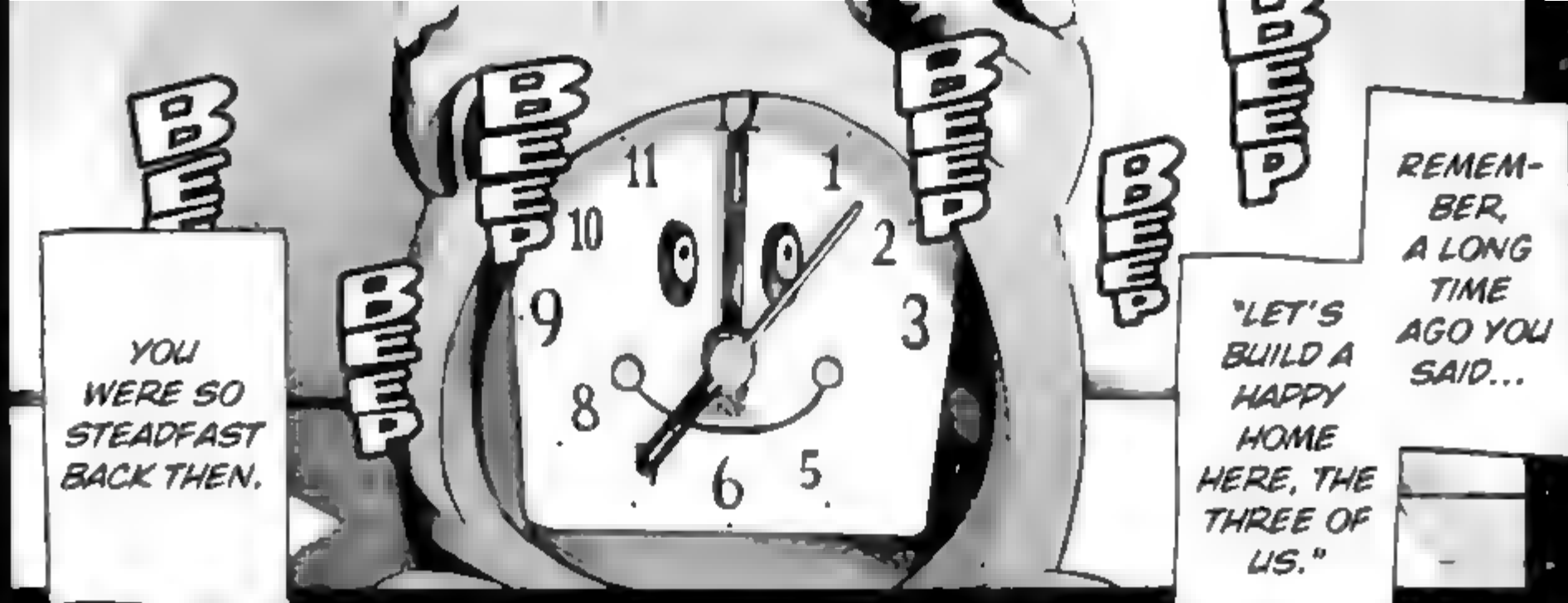
...ARR
ARR ARR
ARR ARR
ARR
ARRGH!

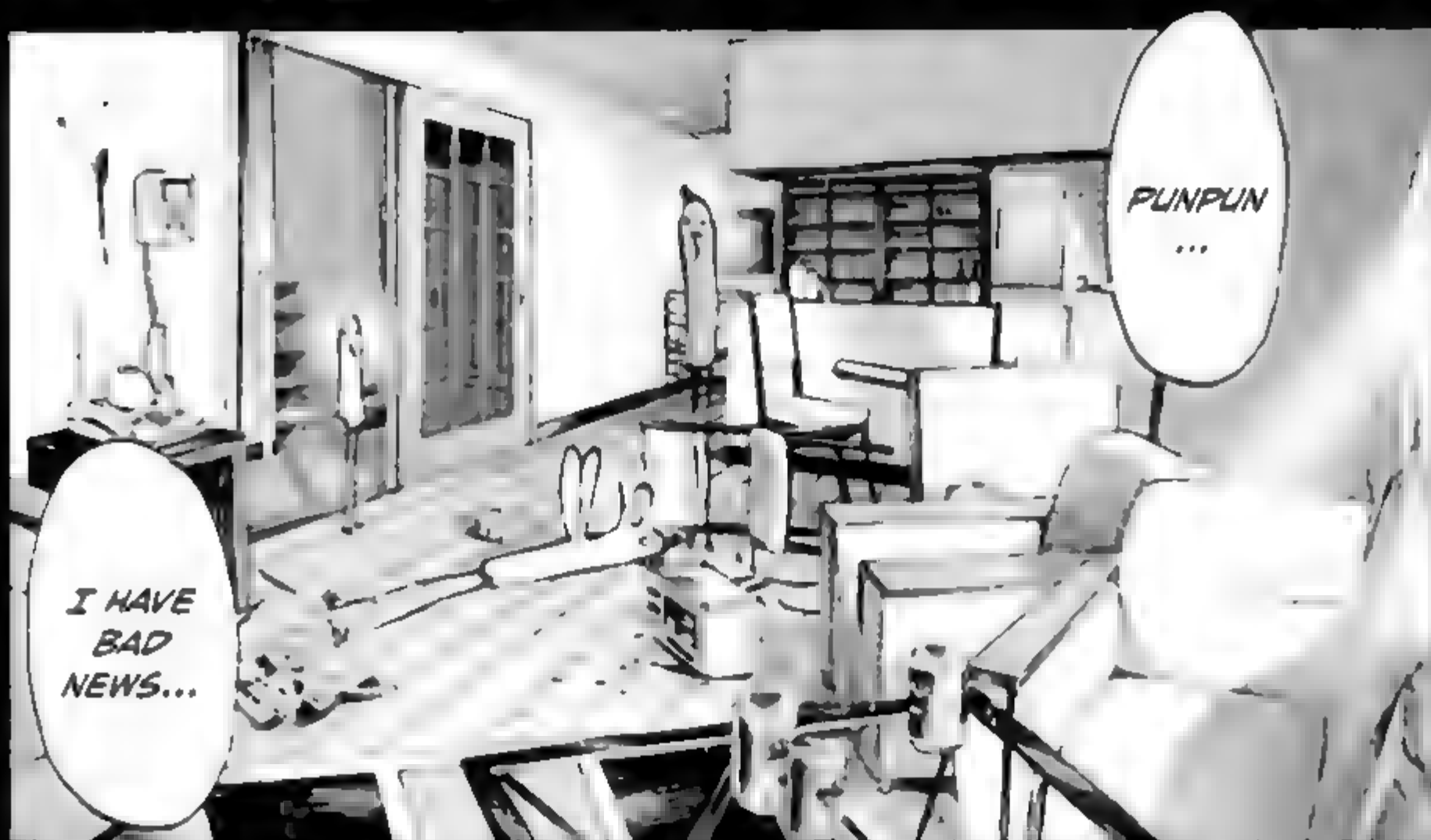
KILL
ME,
RIGHT
HERE,
RIGHT
NOW!

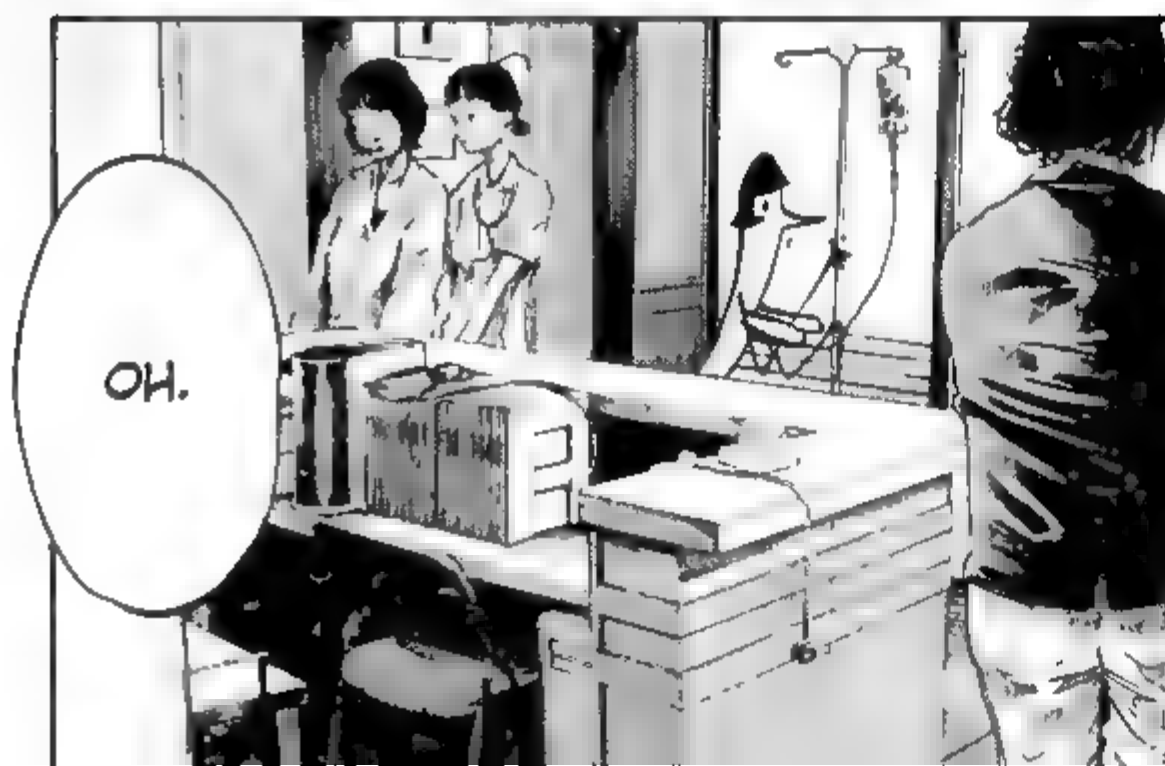
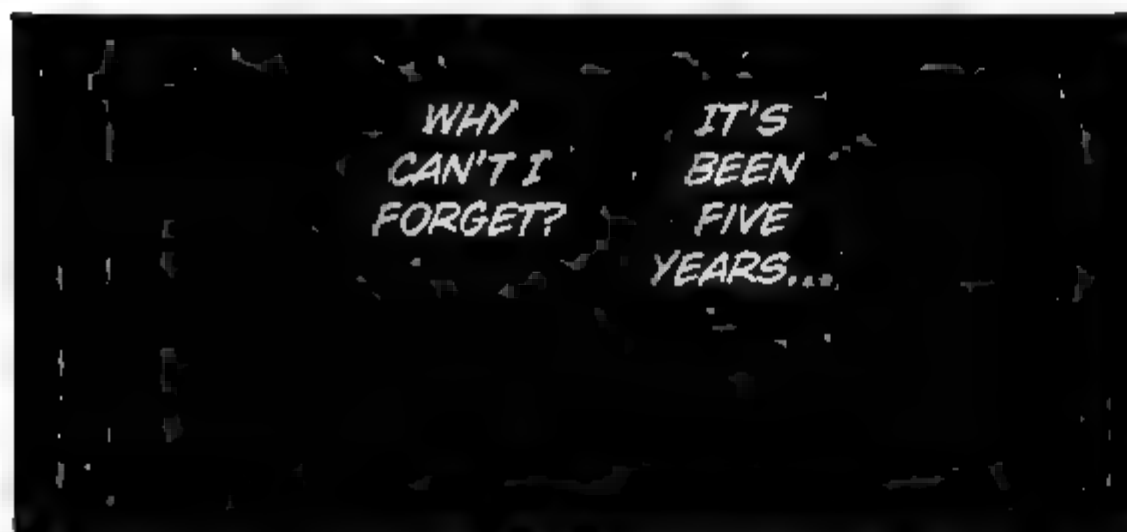
HURRY
UP AND
FIGURE
IT OUT...

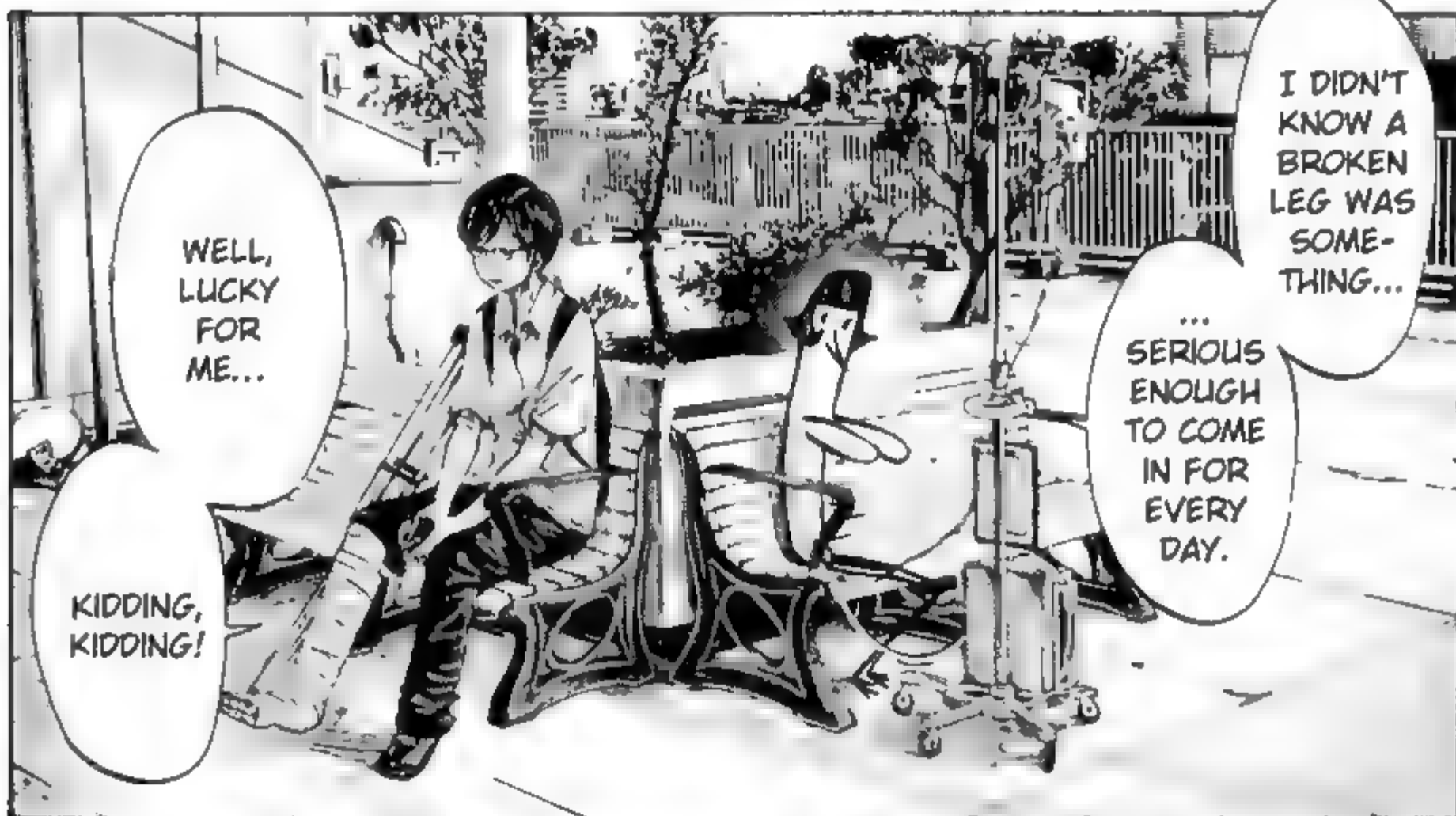
THIS
ISN'T
WHAT I
WANTED.

...
PAPA.











REMEMBER
YESTERDAY
I TOLD YOU
I GOT HURT
WHEN I HIT
A CAR ON
MY BIKE?



HMM?



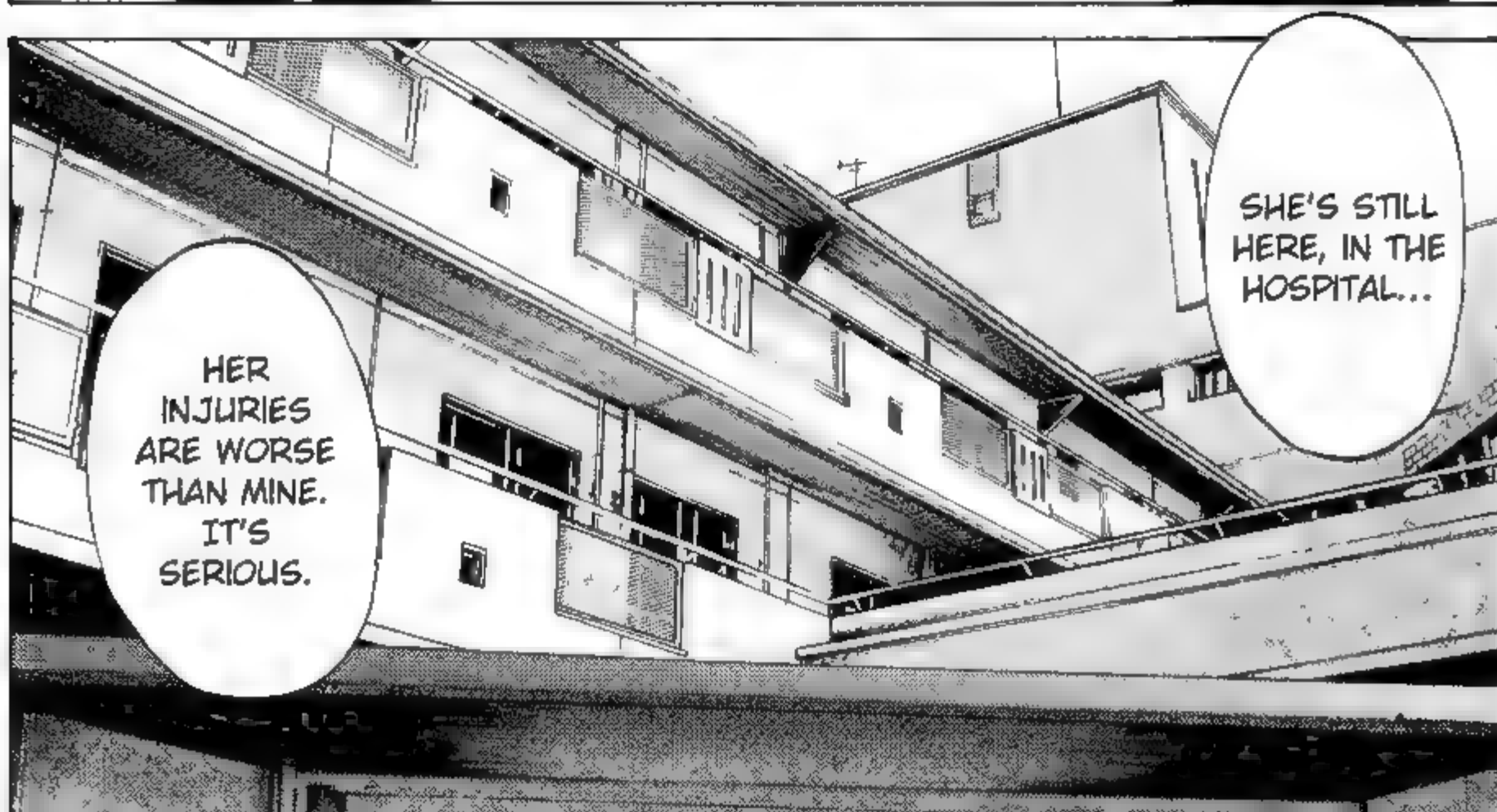
...IN
HEARING A
KID'S LIFE
STORY?

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
INTEREST
...



MY
GIRL-
FRIEND
WAS ON
THE BACK
OF MY
BIKE.

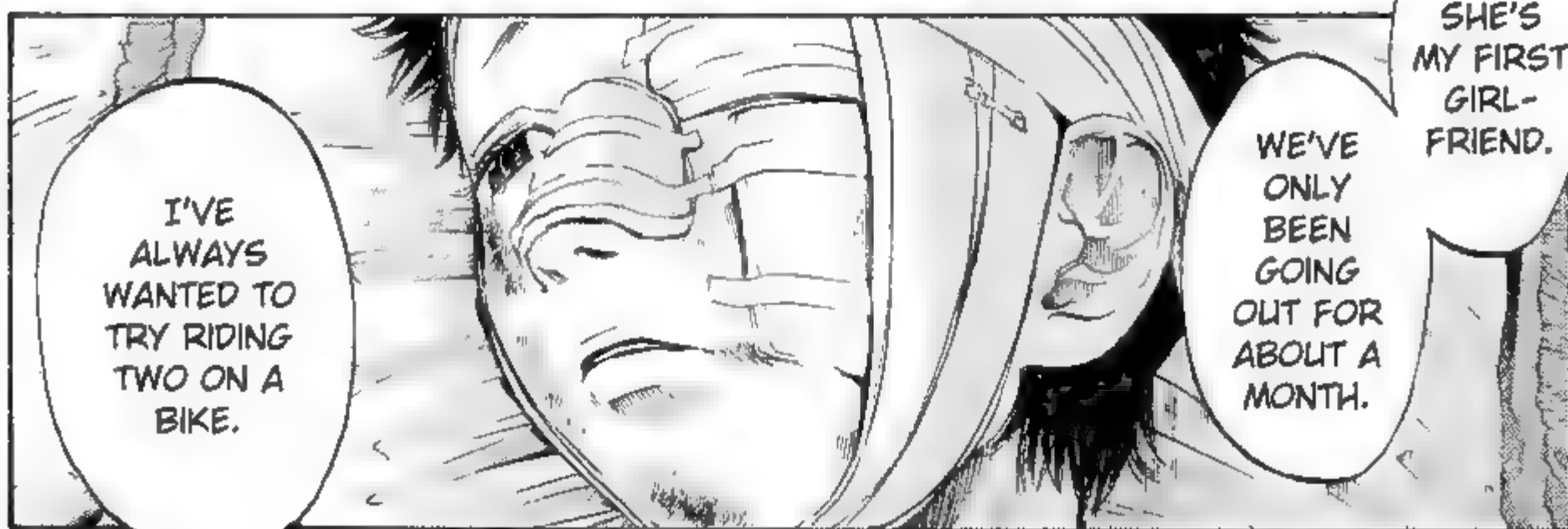
ACTU-
ALLY,
THERE
WERE
TWO OF
US.



HER
INJURIES
ARE WORSE
THAN MINE.
IT'S
SERIOUS.

SHE'S STILL
HERE, IN THE
HOSPITAL...





I'VE
ALWAYS
WANTED TO
TRY RIDING
TWO ON A
BIKE.

WE'VE
ONLY
BEEN
GOING
OUT FOR
ABOUT A
MONTH.

SHE'S
MY FIRST
GIRL-
FRIEND.



...BUT I
WANTED TO
SHOW OFF,
SO I WENT
REALLY
FAST.

SHE TRIED
TO GET ME
TO STOP
BECAUSE
SHE SAID IT
WAS DAN-
GEROUS...



...AND I
COULD HEAR
HER CRYING
SOMEWHERE
FAR AWAY
FROM ME.

WHEN I
CAME TO,
I WAS
LYING
ON THE
GROUND...

...A CAR
TURNED
OFF A SIDE
STREET, AND
I HAD A
SECOND TO
THINK, "OH
CRAP."

AND
THEN...

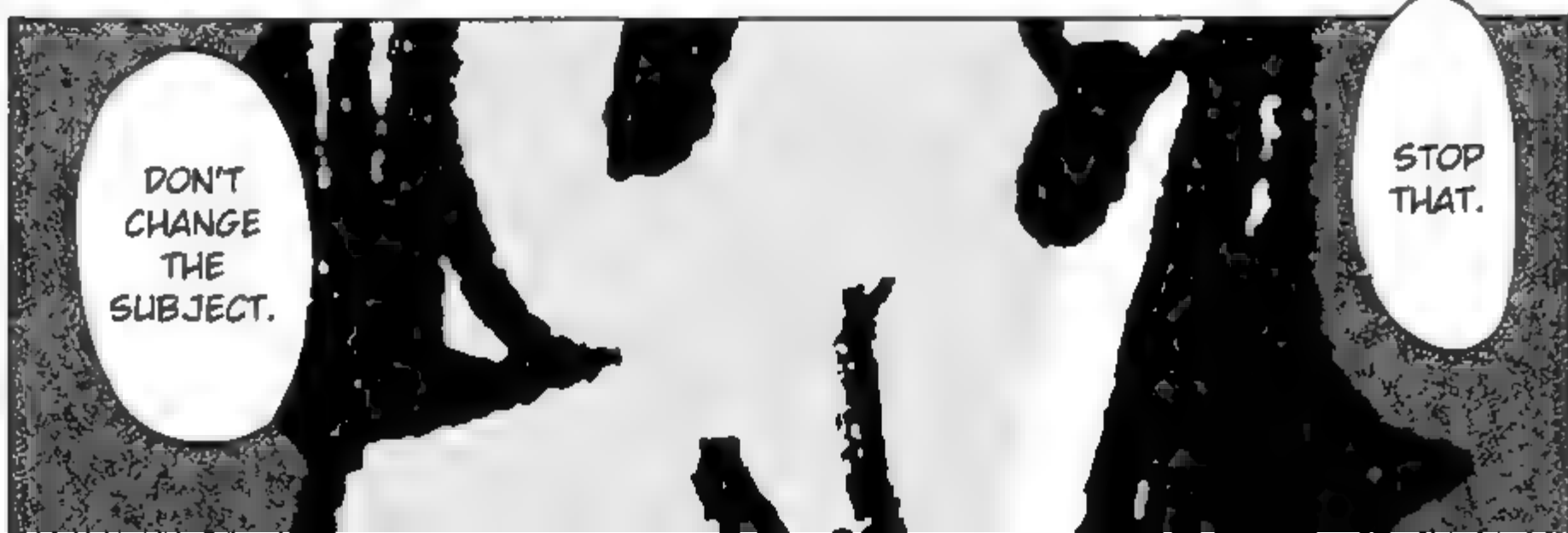


HOW YOU
MET YOUR
HUSBAND
...

YOU WERE
TRAVELING
IN ITALY AND
SNUCK INTO
A SWINGERS'
PARTY?

LET'S
NOT TALK
ABOUT IT
ANYMORE.

TELL ME
MORE ABOUT
WHAT YOU
WERE TALK-
ING ABOUT
YESTERDAY.



DON'T
CHANGE
THE
SUBJECT.

STOP
THAT.

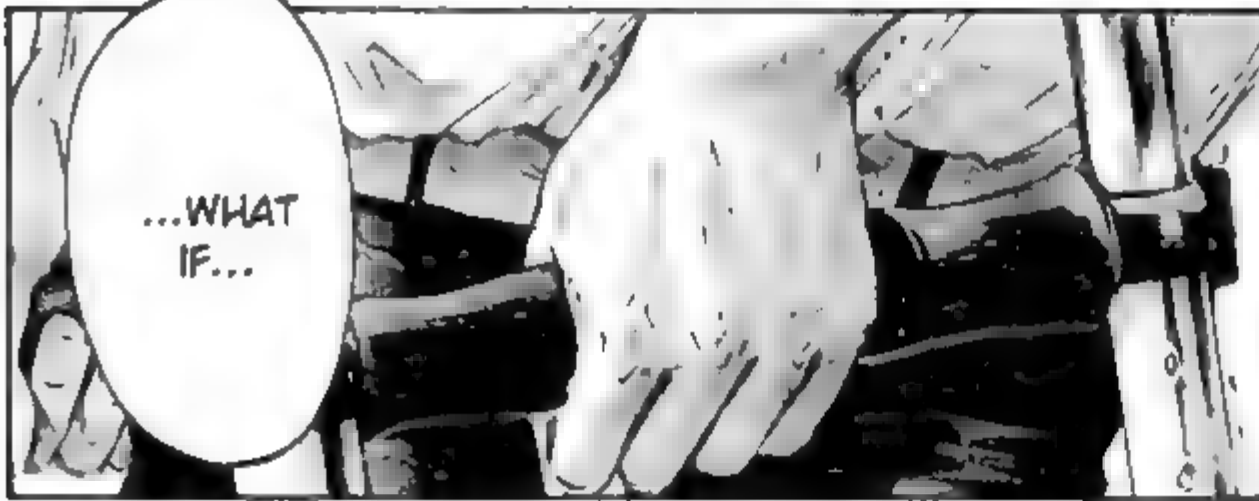




BUT...



WELL,
THEN!

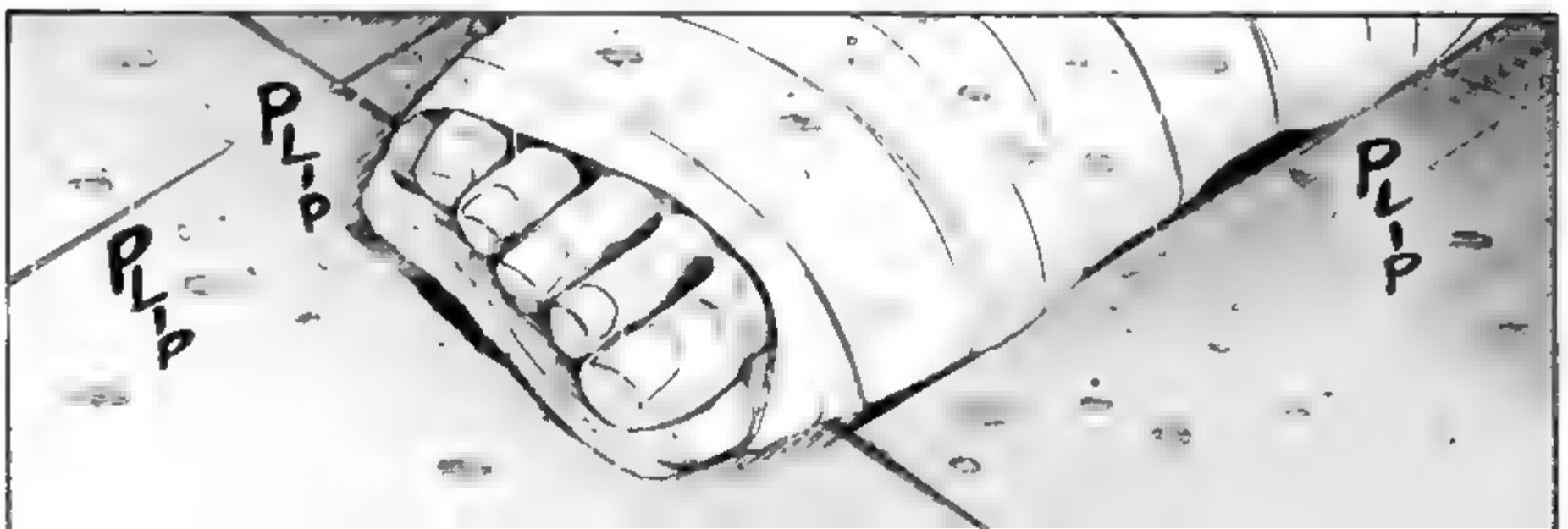


...WHAT
IF...



...SHE
HATES
ME?

THEN I'M
GOING
TO BE A
WRECK, I
KNOW IT.



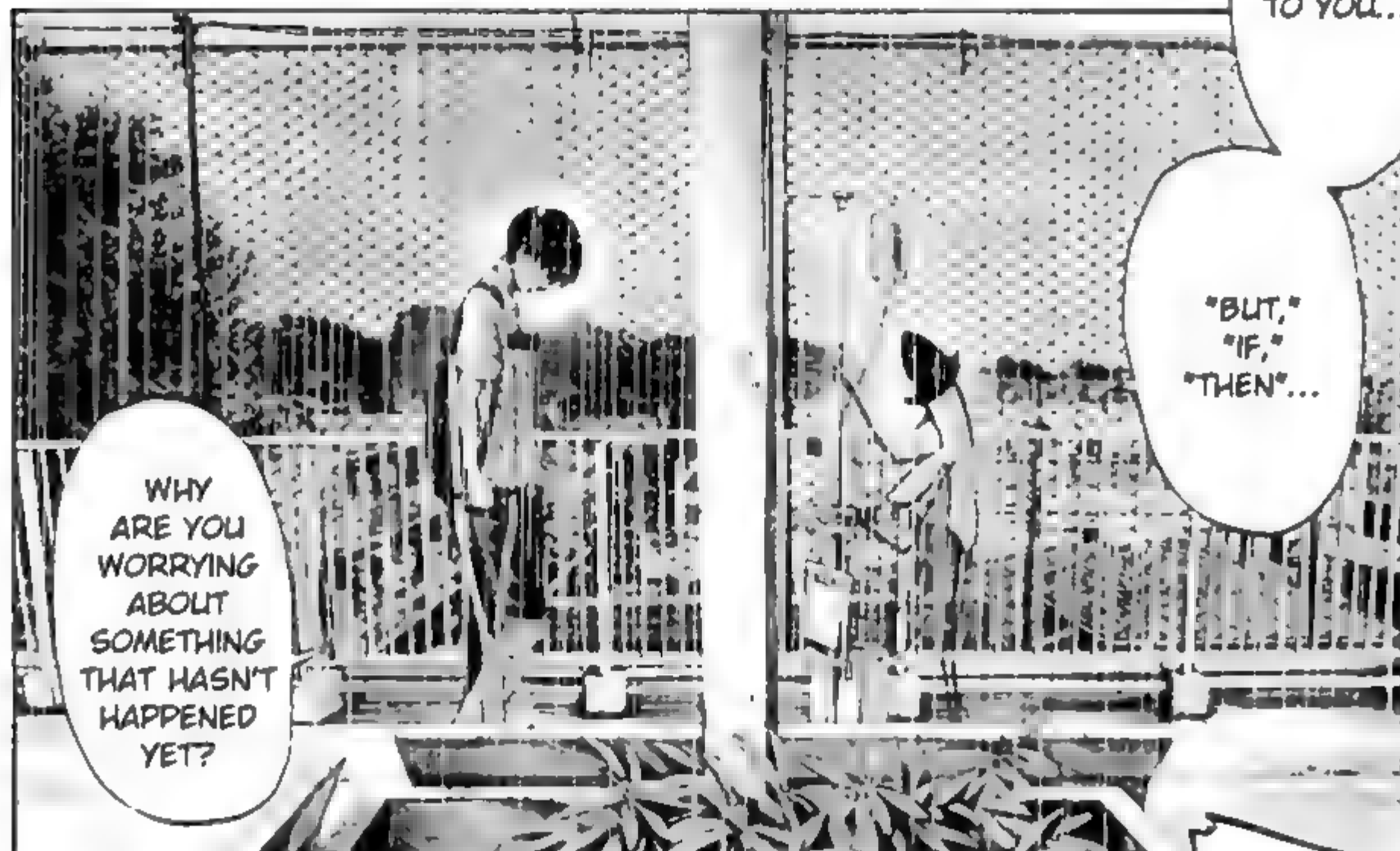
PLIP

PLIP

PLIP



LISTEN
TO YOU...



WHY
ARE YOU
WORRYING
ABOUT
SOMETHING
THAT HASN'T
HAPPENED
YET?

"BUT,"
"IF,"
"THEN"...

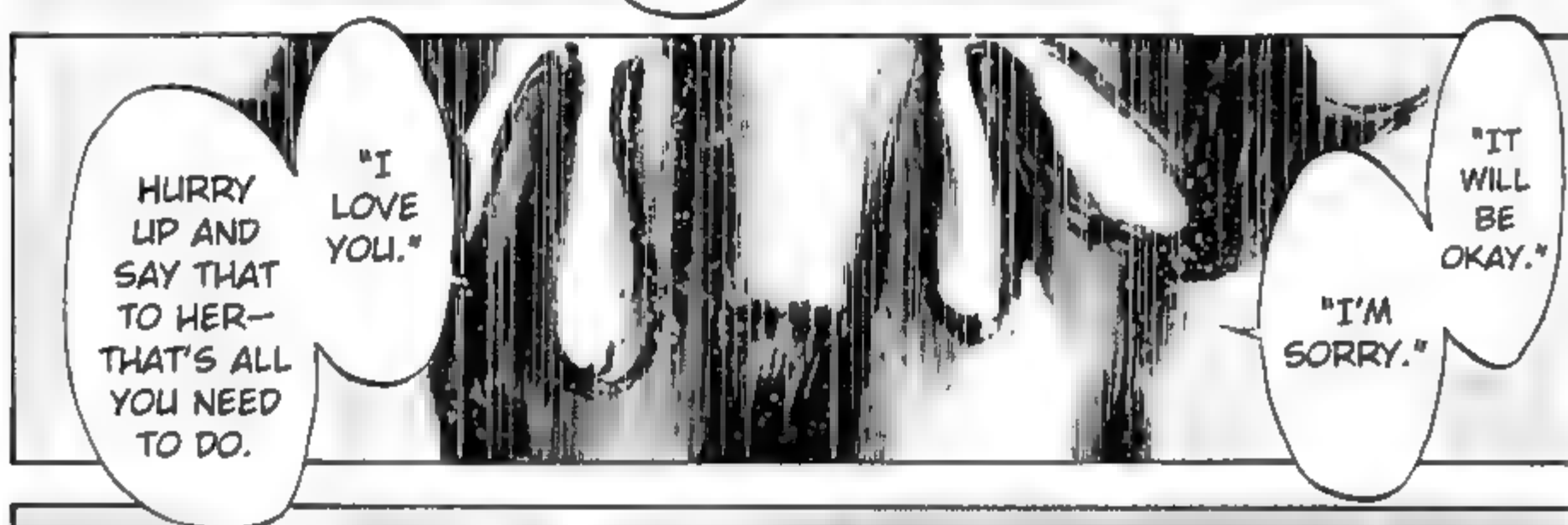


NOW
CONNECTS
TO THE
FUTURE.

WHAT'S
IMPOR-
TANT IS
NOW.

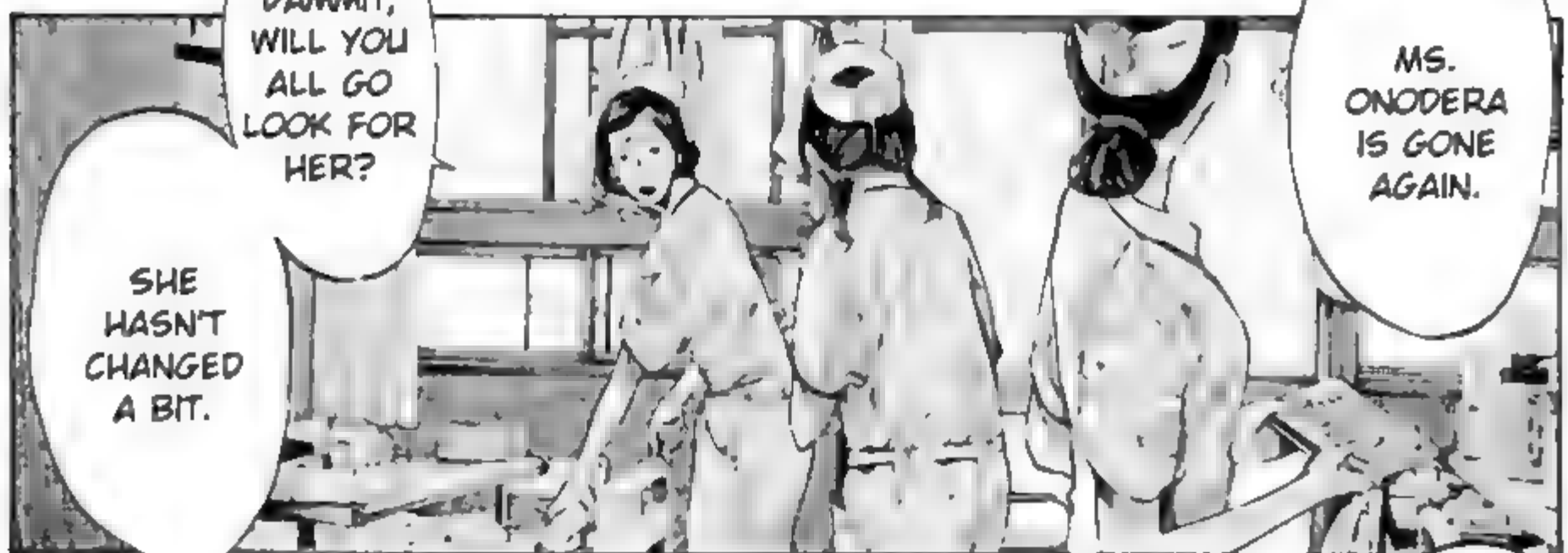


MS.
ONODERA
...





OH
NO...



DAMNIT,
WILL YOU
ALL GO
LOOK FOR
HER?

MS.
ONODERA
IS GONE
AGAIN.

SHE
HASN'T
CHANGED
A BIT.



WAS SHE
IN FOR
PNEUMO-
THORAX
THEN
TOO?



OH,
HAS MS.
ONODERA
BEEN HERE
BEFORE?



NO,
NO...

...
DOMESTIC
VIOLENCE.

YEAH,
SHE JUMPED
OFF THE FIRE
ESCAPE
AND HAD
EVERYONE IN
A PANIC.

...IT'S
JUST
A BOY
THING.

BOY
GUESSES...



SHUNTARO
HAD THE
SAME LOOK
IN HIS EYES
AS PUNPUN.



IT'S
POURING—
LET ME GET
UNDER YOUR
UMBRELLA.

GREAT
TIMING,
REALLY
GREAT!

WACA
ONOTTE.

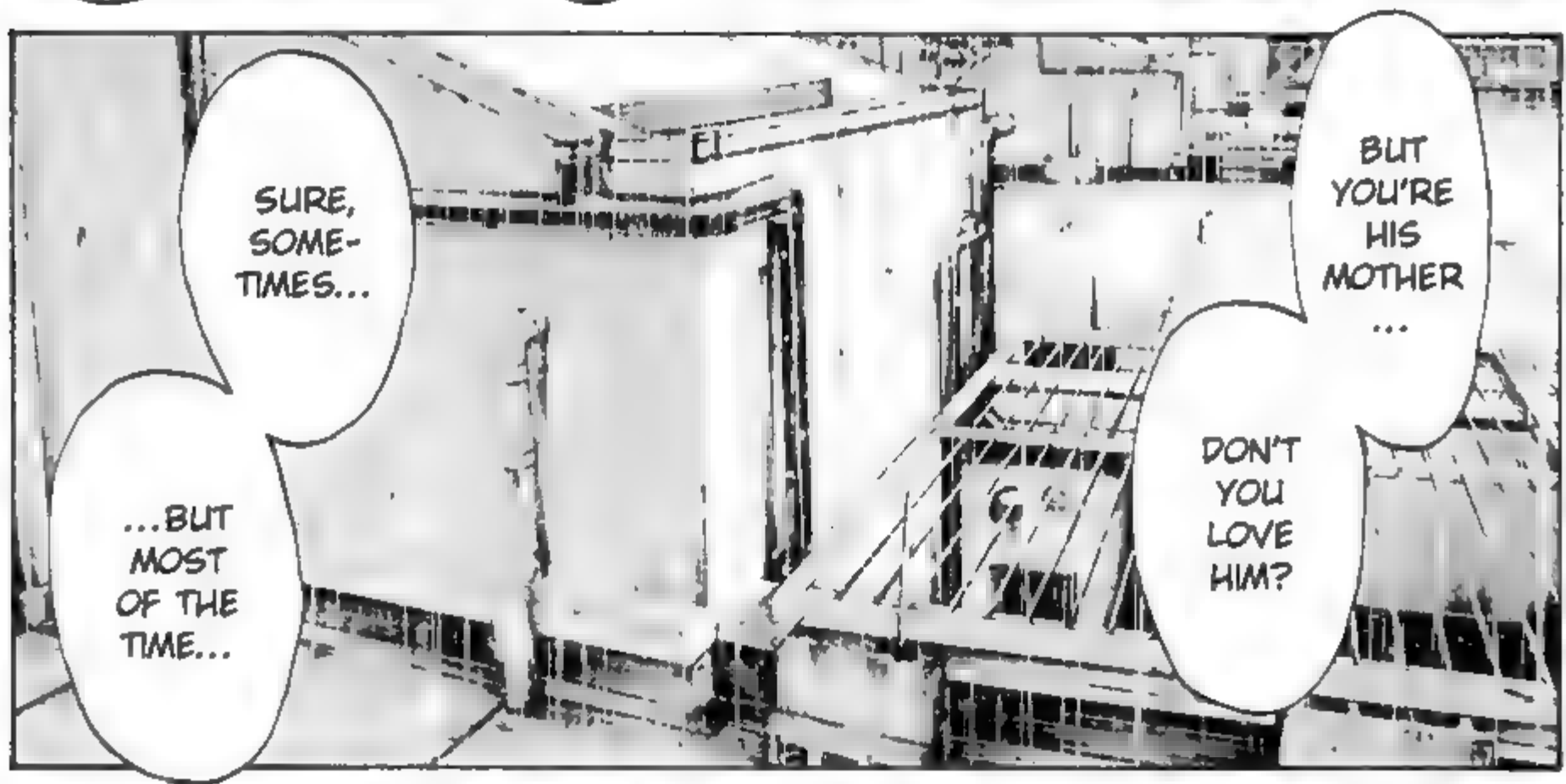


...MY EX-
HUSBAND
BEAT ME...

IT'S
JUST
THAT

I'M
SORRY









YEAH,
TOTALLY.

HEY,
AREN'T
THOSE
GIRLS FROM
OUR CLASS?



IT'S
MIMURA
...

HEY, PEOPLE
ARE SAYING
YOU'RE JUST
A POSER AND
A VIRGIN.

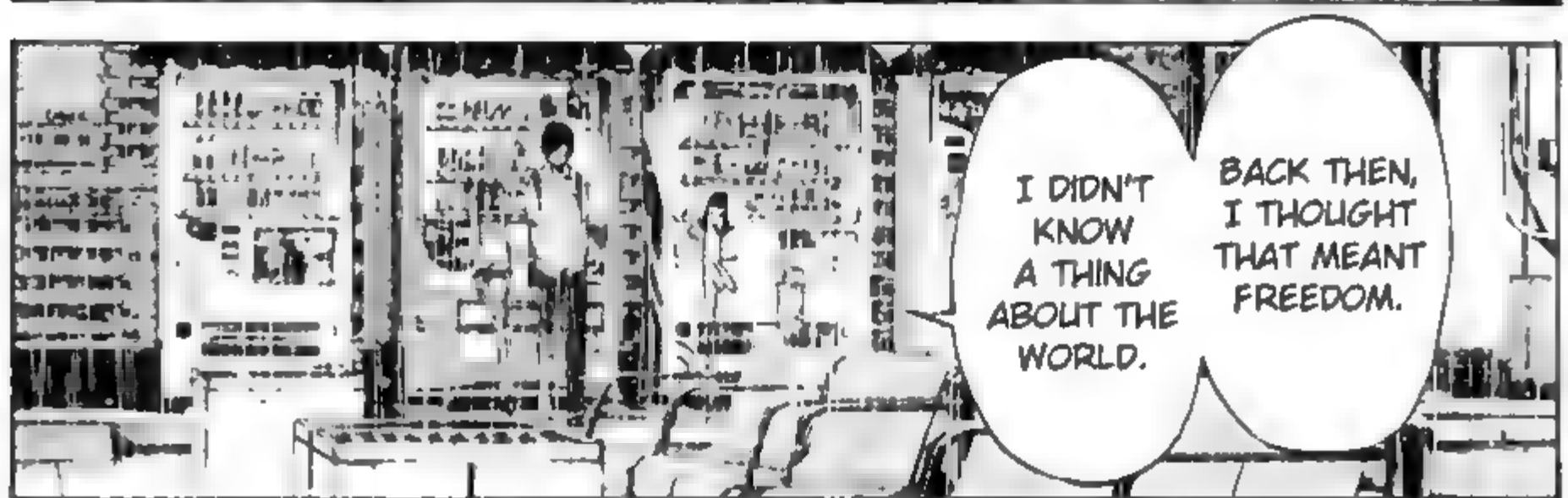
HEY, HEY,
HEY,
CUTIES!

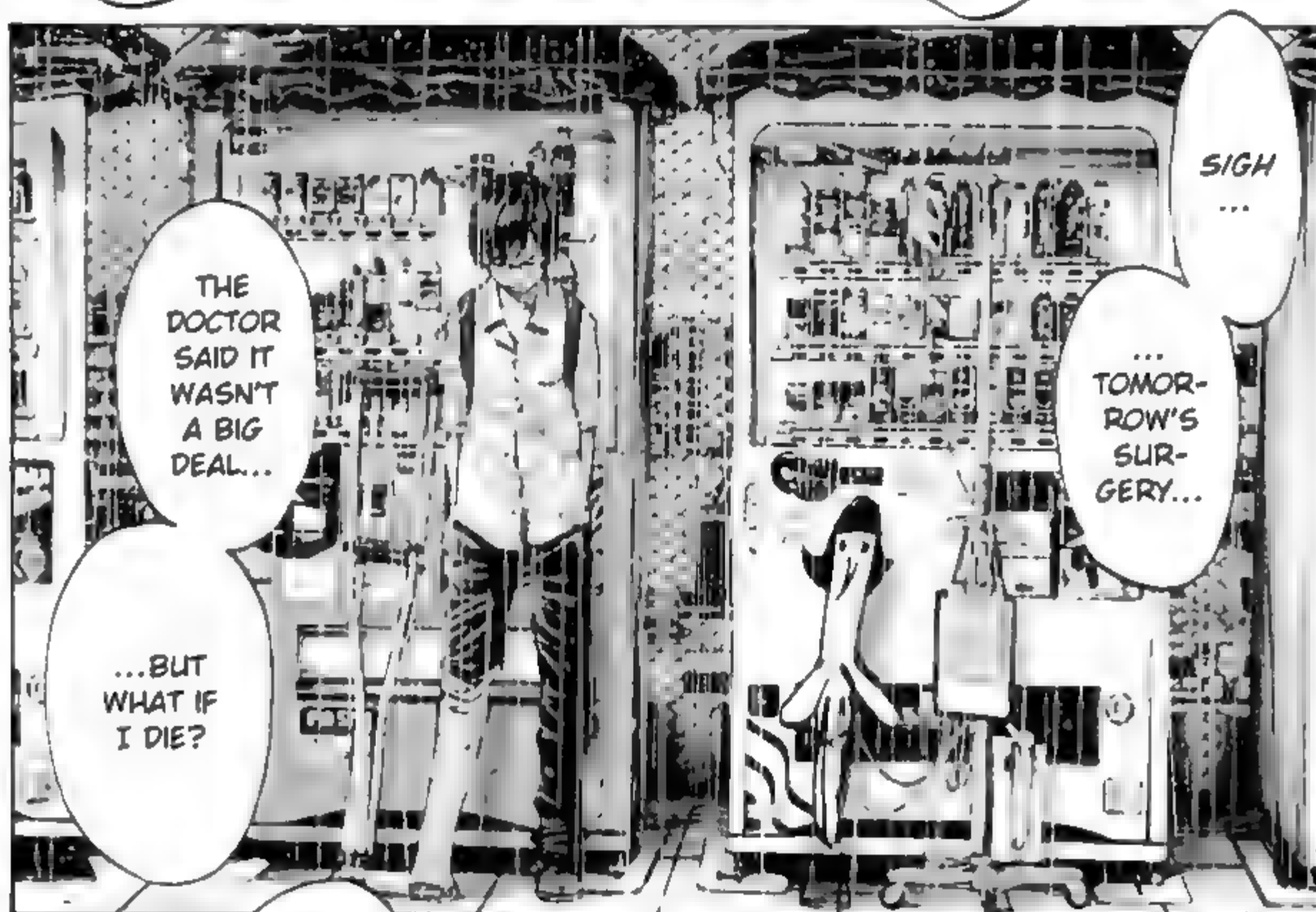
IT'S
FRIDAY!
LET'S ALL
ROLL ON
DOWN FOR
SOME
KARAOKE!



NOT TRUE.
WANT TO
SEE MY
GLISTENING
TROUSER
UZI?

THAT'S
JUST
GROSS.
LET'S GO.







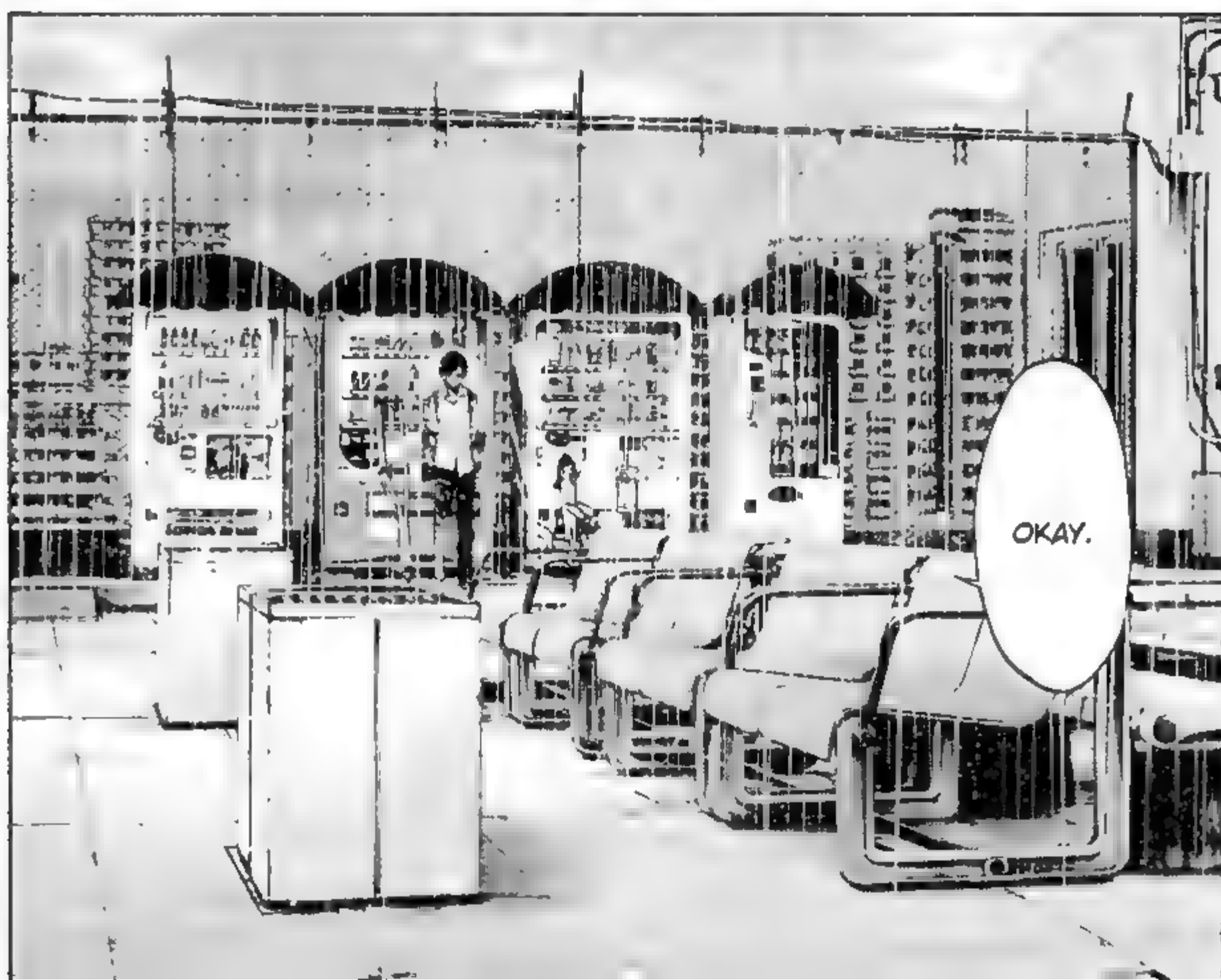
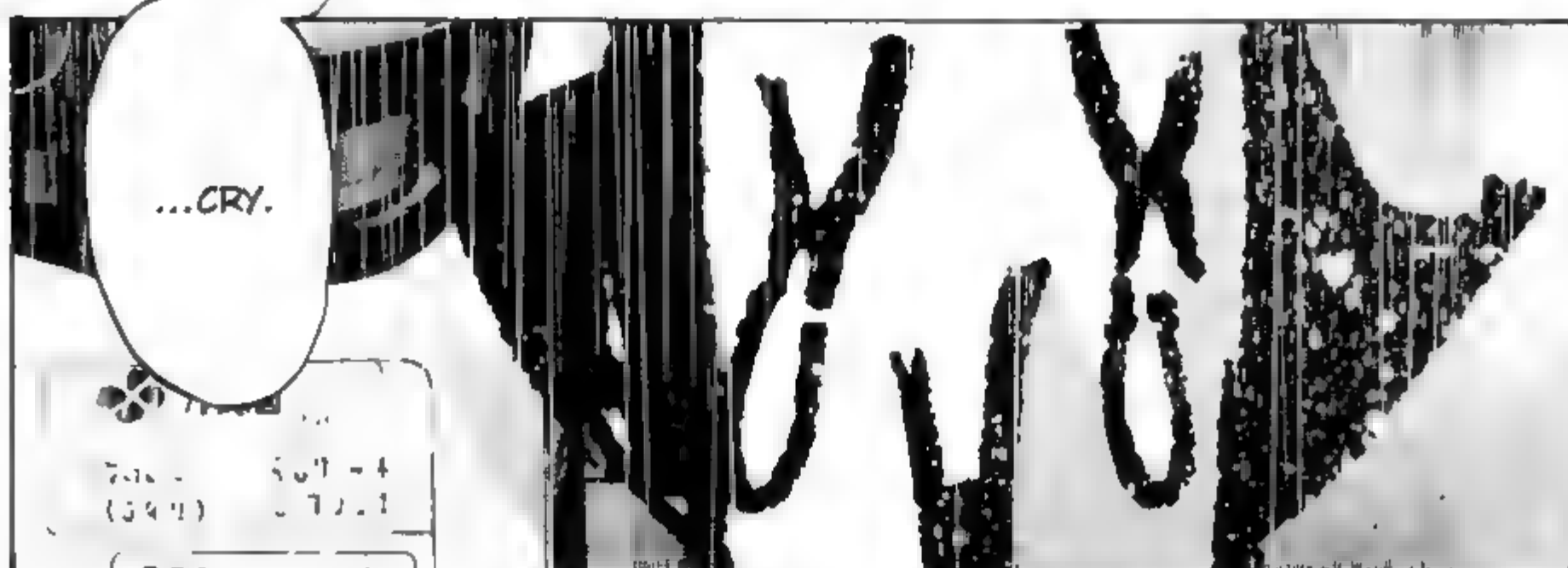
...WHAT IF
THE POINT OF
MY LIFE IS TO
RUN AWAY FROM
MOMENTARY
ANXIETY AND
LONELINESS...?

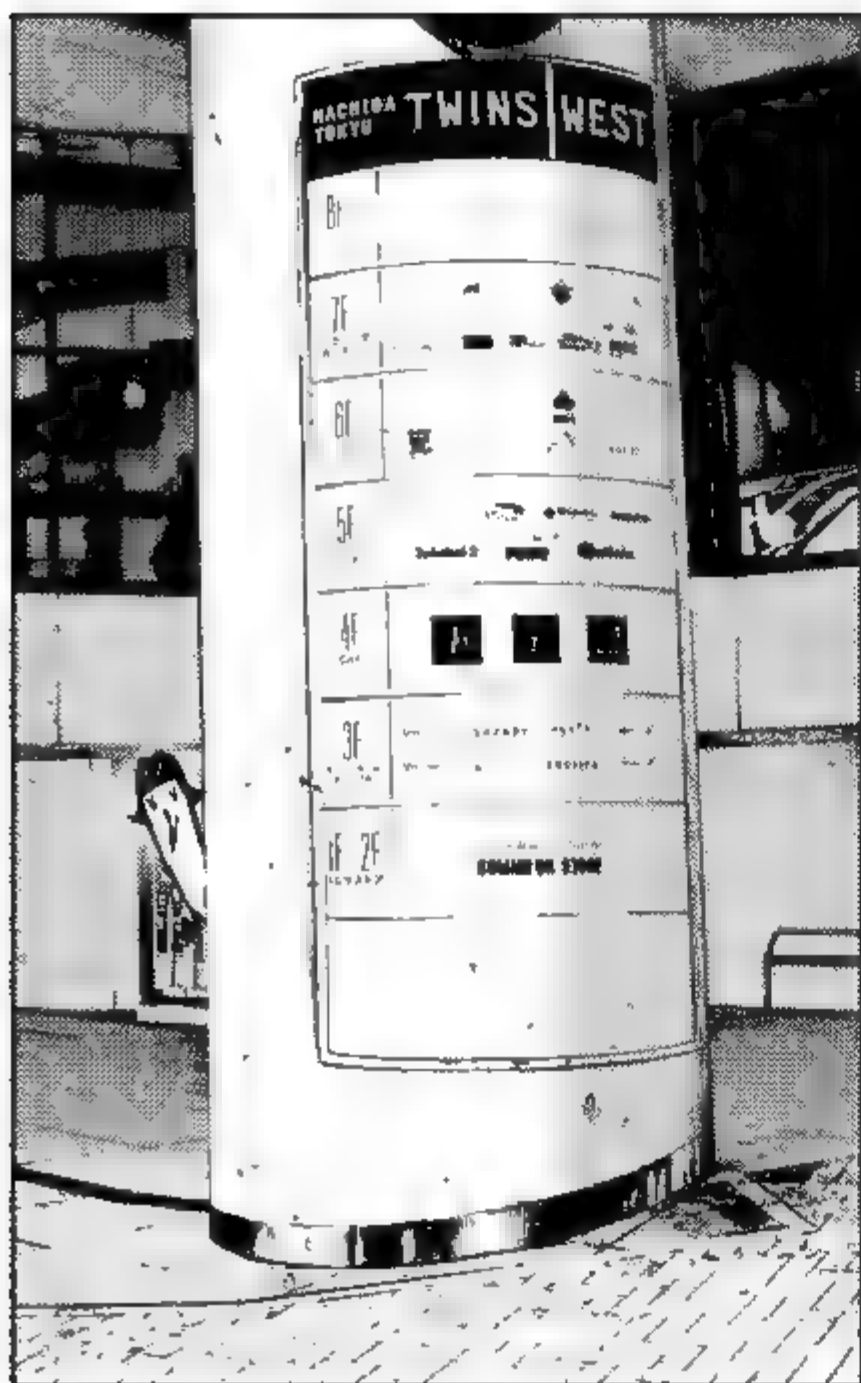
...LIKE
SHELTER-
ING HERE
FROM THE
RAIN

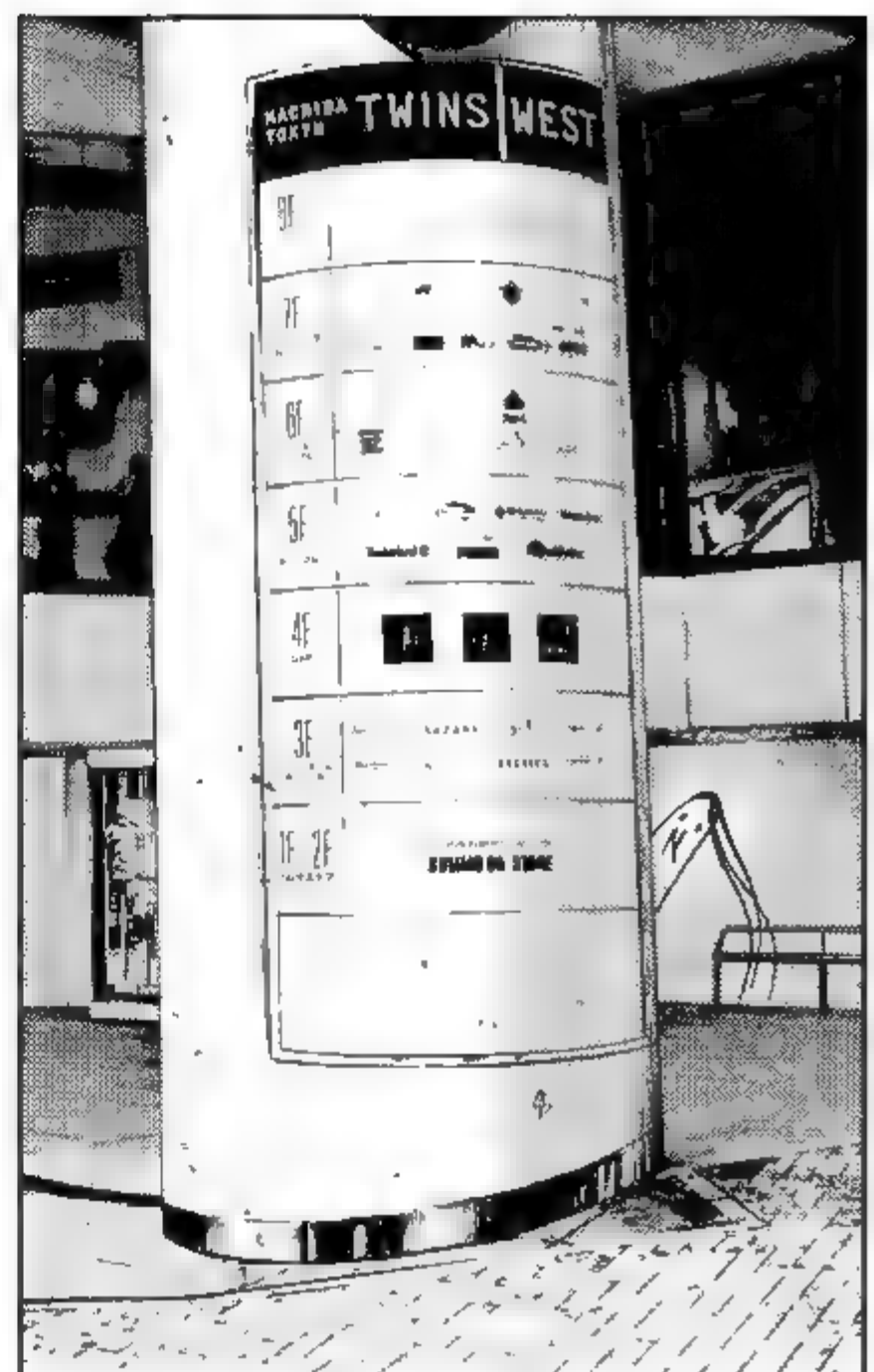
WHAT
IF

HA
HA

HOW
INCREDIBLY
SAD.









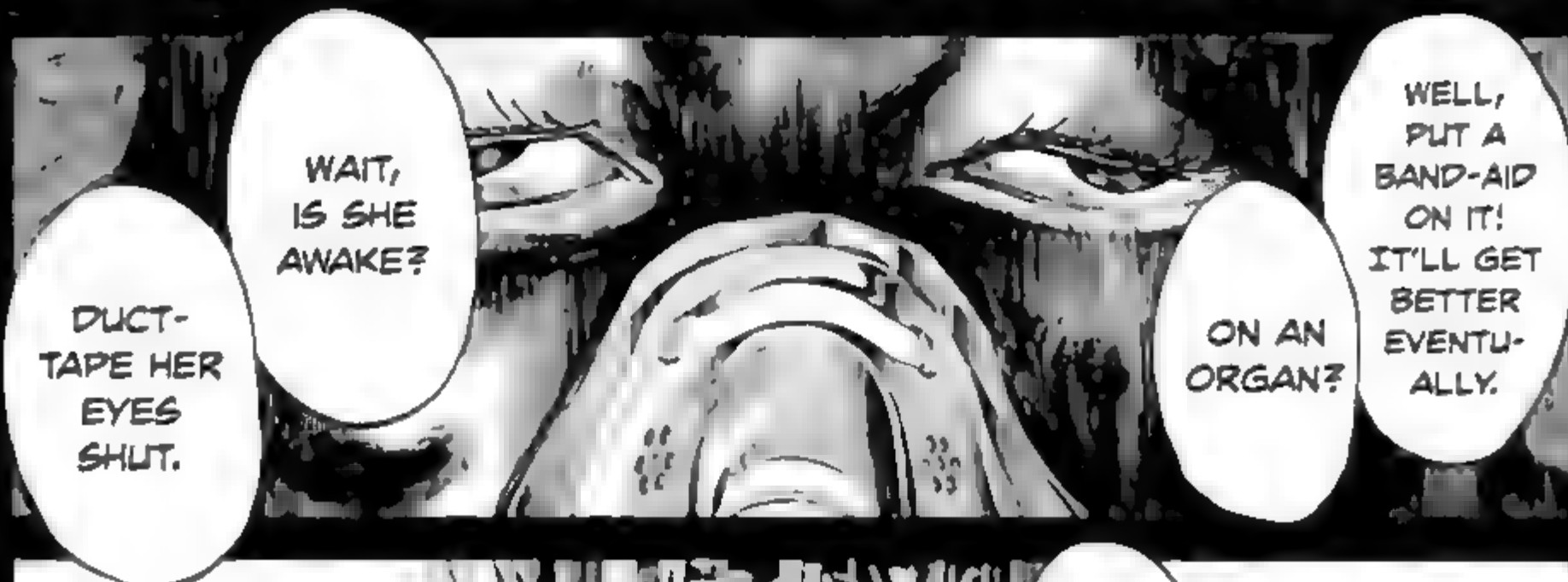
SERIOUSLY,
HER BLOOD
PRESSURE
KEEPS
DROPPING,
AND IT'S
HILARIOUS.

OH
SHIT!

I JUST
FUCKED
UP THIS
INCISION.

WHOA,
THERE'S
SOME
WEIRD
FLUID
IN HERE.
WHAT IS
THAT?

UH,
DOCTOR,
SHE'S
BLEEDING
OUT
HERE.



WELL,
PUT A
BAND-AID
ON IT!
IT'LL GET
BETTER
EVENTU-
ALLY.

ON AN
ORGAN?

WAIT,
IS SHE
AWAKE?

DUCT-
TAPE HER
EYES
SHUT.



AHH,
I'M
BORED
OF SUR-
GERY
...

I WANT
TO GO
HOME
AND PLAY
MY PLAY-
STATION.

HEY, GUYS,
TAKE THIS
SERIOUSLY.

HEY,
WHO DO
YOU WANT
TO INVITE
TO THE
PARTY
NEXT
WEEK?

JUST WAIT NO! HEY
WAIT ...
A MINUTE.



GASP!



GM

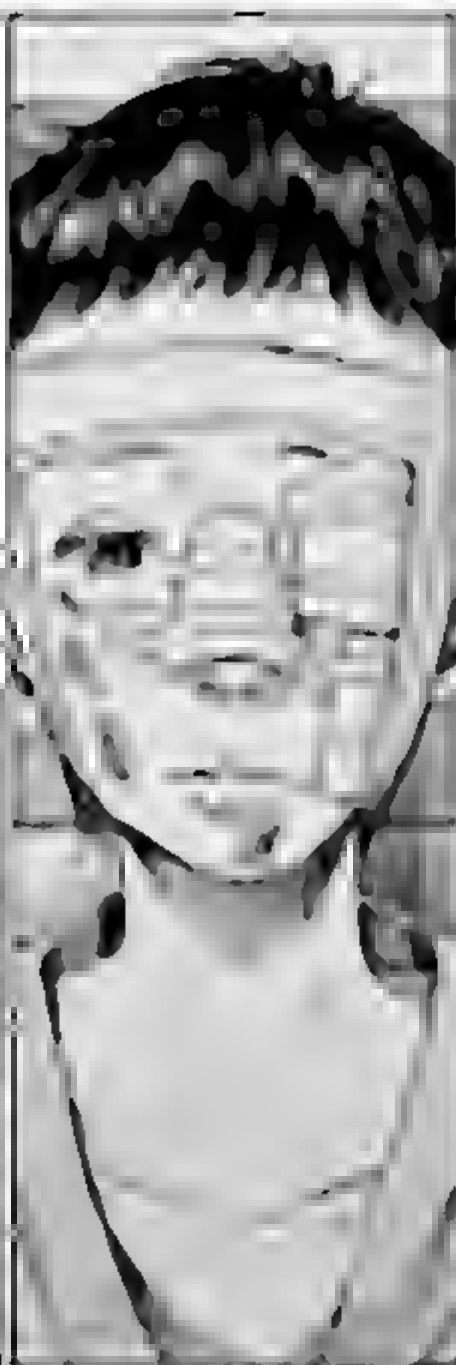
ARE YOU OKAY?

JUST A DREAM.





OH



NURSE?

SHOULD
I CALL...



"SHE'S GOT
MAJOR FACIAL
ALTERATIONS"



CAN I
ASK FOR
SOME
HINTS?

SHE'S
SHUNTARO'S
GIRLFRIEND

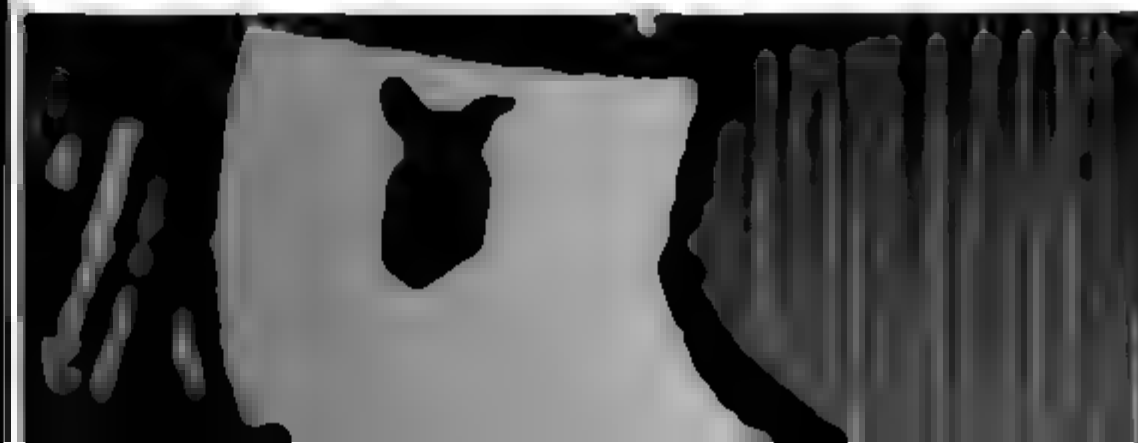
HOW DID
YOU GET
HURT?



SORRY.

THAT'S
OKAY,
I'M
FINE.

NO...



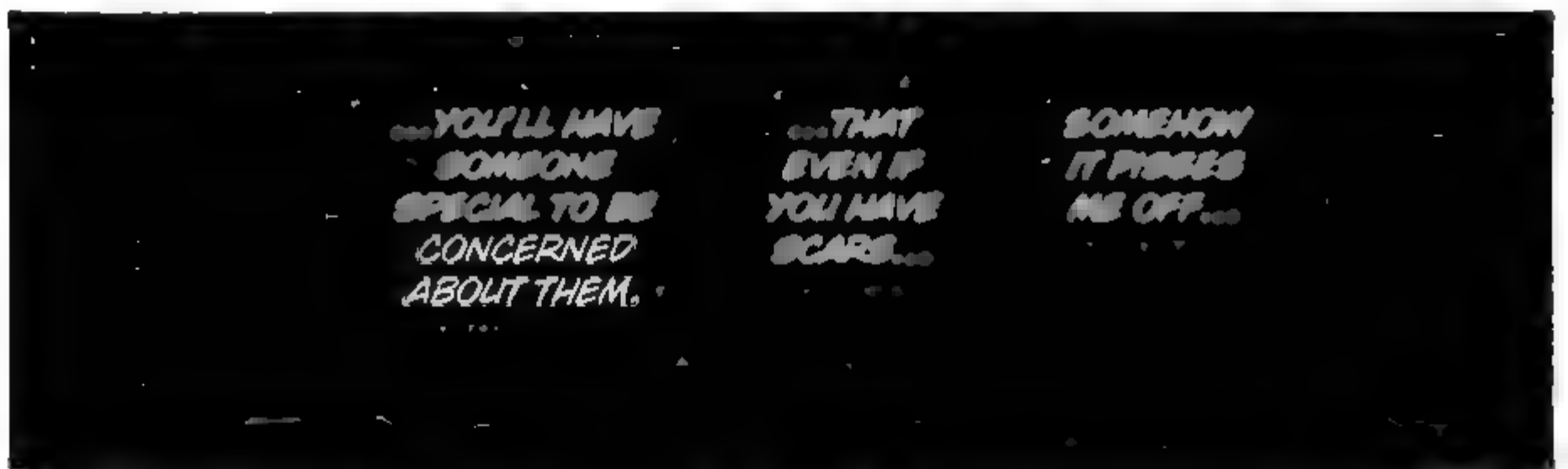


THE
SURGEON
TOLD
ME...

...I'LL
PROBABLY
HAVE SCARS
FROM THE
STITCHES
THOUGH.

IT'S
NOT
A BIG
DEAL...

I'M
GETTING
OUT
SOON.



...YOU'LL HAVE
SOMEONE
SPECIAL TO BE
CONCERNED
ABOUT THEM.

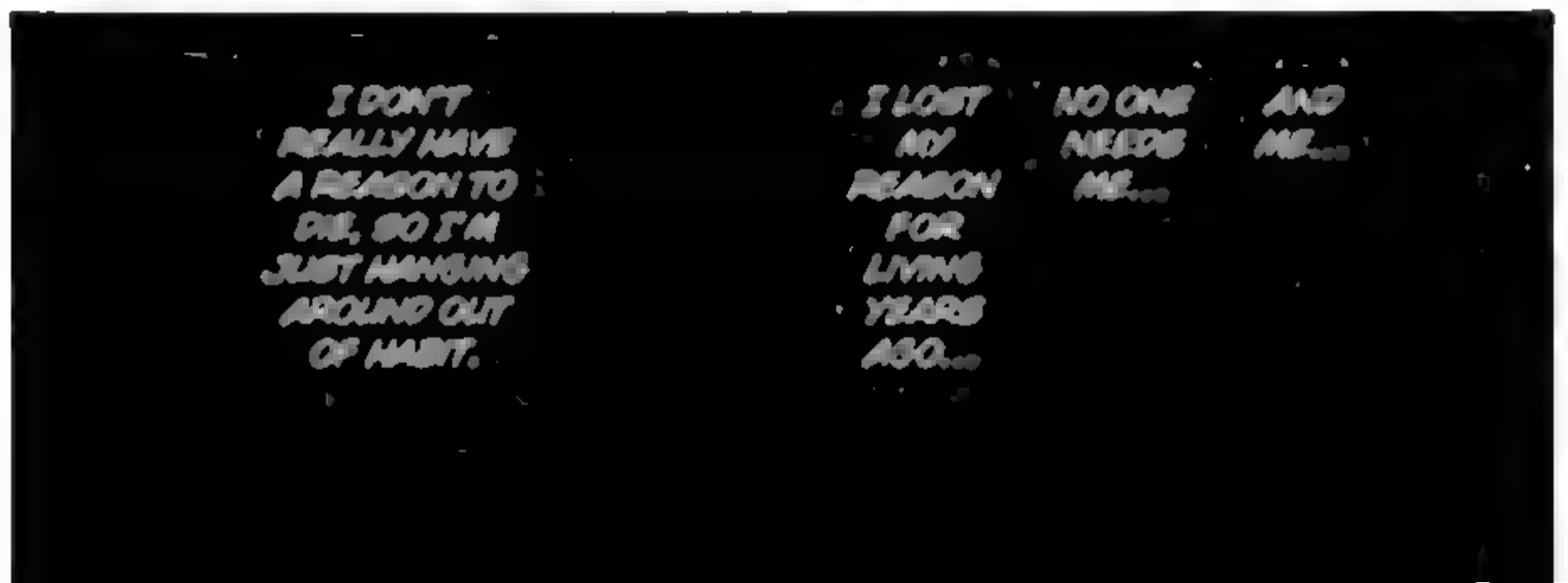
...THAT
EVEN IF
YOU HAVE
SCARS...

SOMEHOW
IT PISSES
ME OFF...



MEDICAL
SCIENCE HAS
MADE SO MUCH
PROGRESS
LATELY. I'M
SURE YOU'LL
HAVE A
COMPLETE
RECOVERY.

I'M
SURE
YOU'LL
BE FINE.



I DON'T
REALLY HAVE
A REASON TO
DIE, SO I'M
JUST HANGING
AROUND OUT
OF HABIT.

I LOST
MY
REASON
FOR
LIVING
YEARS
AGO...

NO ONE
NEEDS
ME...

AND
ME...

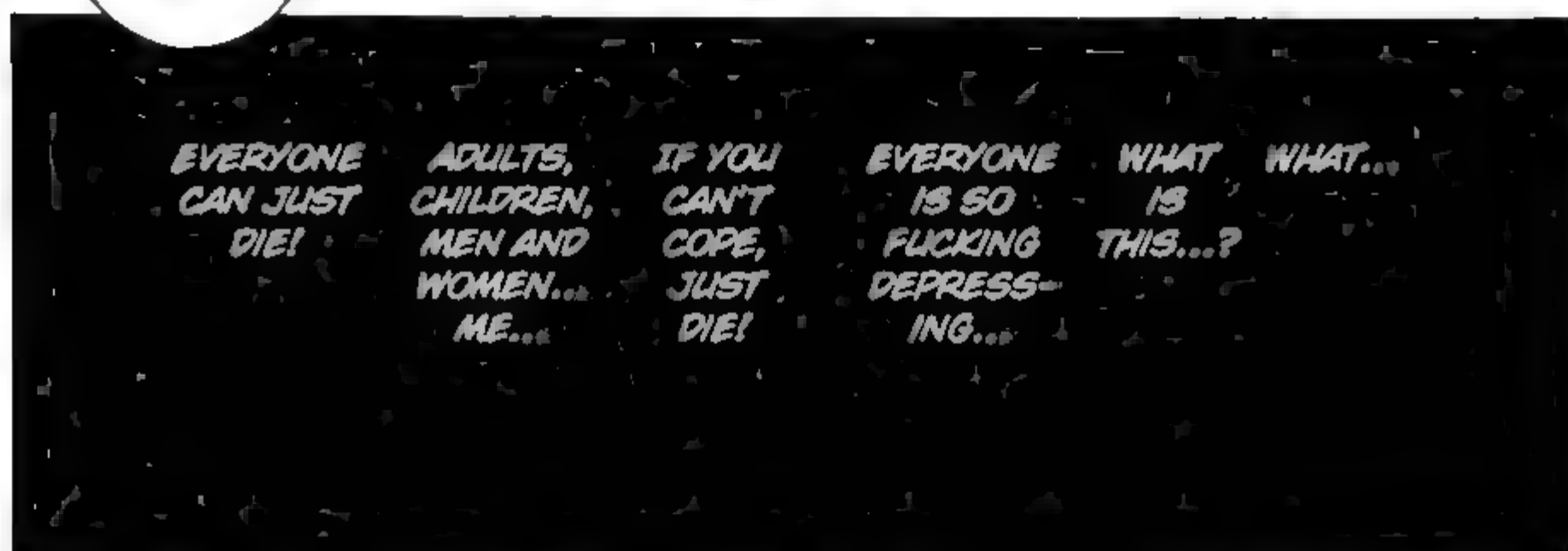


BUT IT
DOESN'T
MATTER
ANYMORE...

IT WAS
JUST BAD
LUCK.

I...

...HOPE
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



EVERYONE
CAN JUST
DIE!

ADULTS,
CHILDREN,
MEN AND
WOMEN...
ME...

IF YOU
CAN'T
COPE,
JUST
DIE!

EVERYONE
IS SO
FUCKING
DEPRESS-
ING...

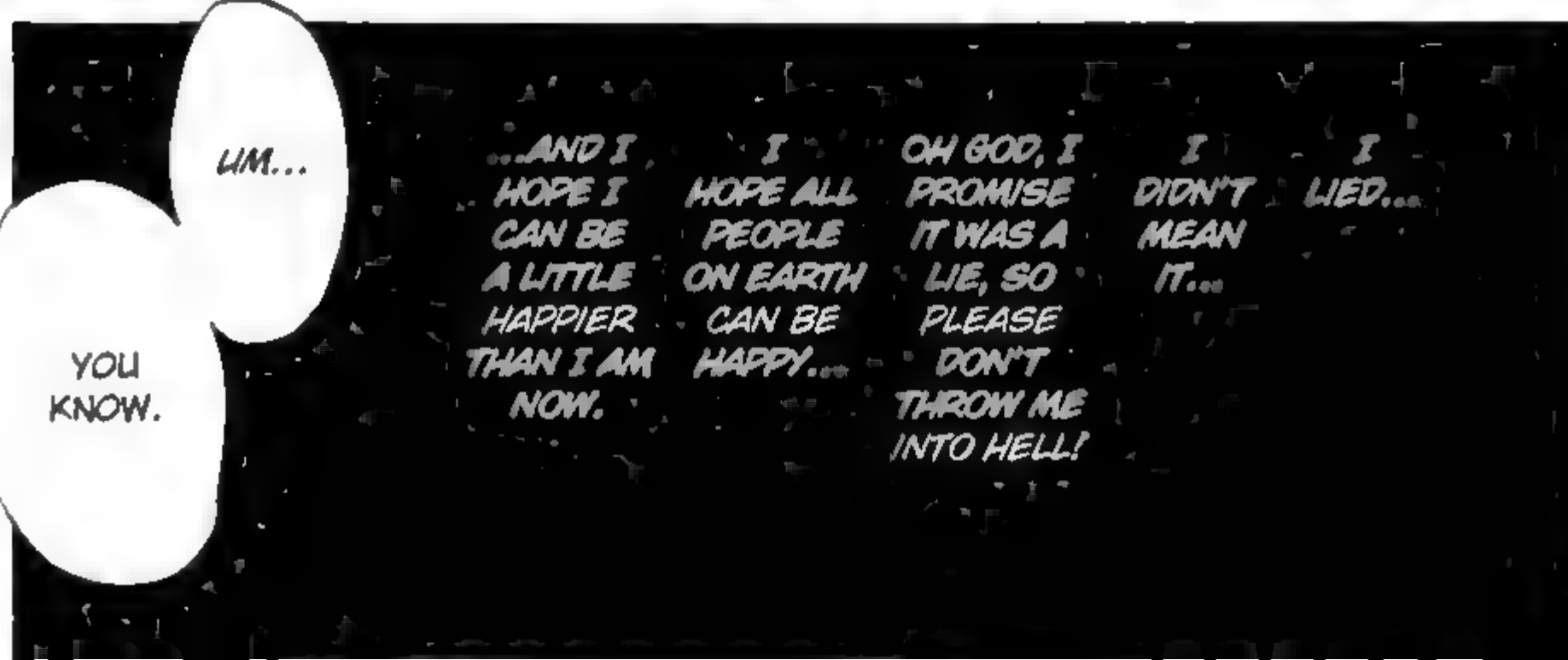
WHAT
IS
THIS...?

WHAT...



THAT...

...THAT'S
NOT...



UM...

YOU
KNOW.

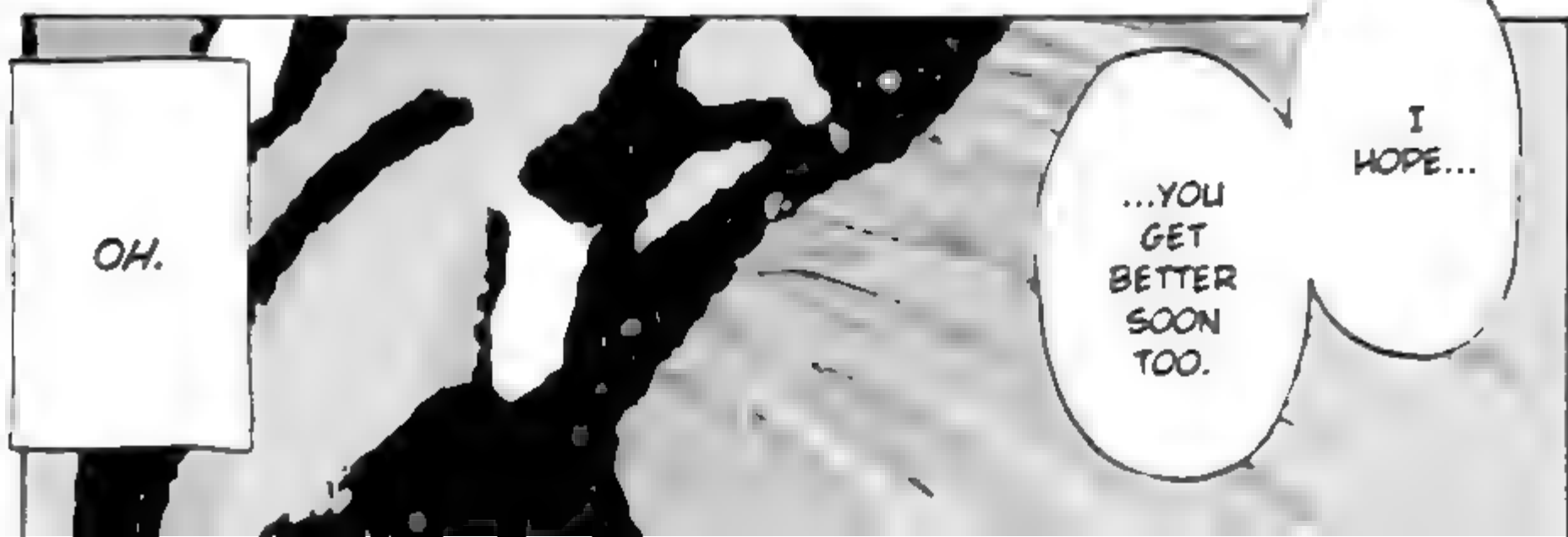
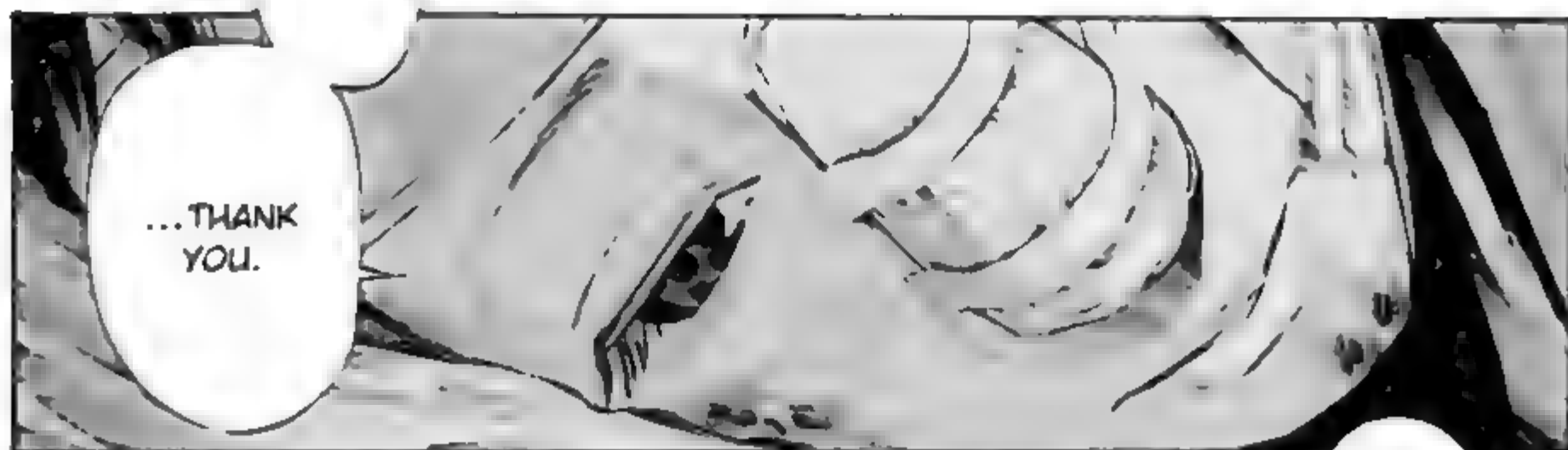
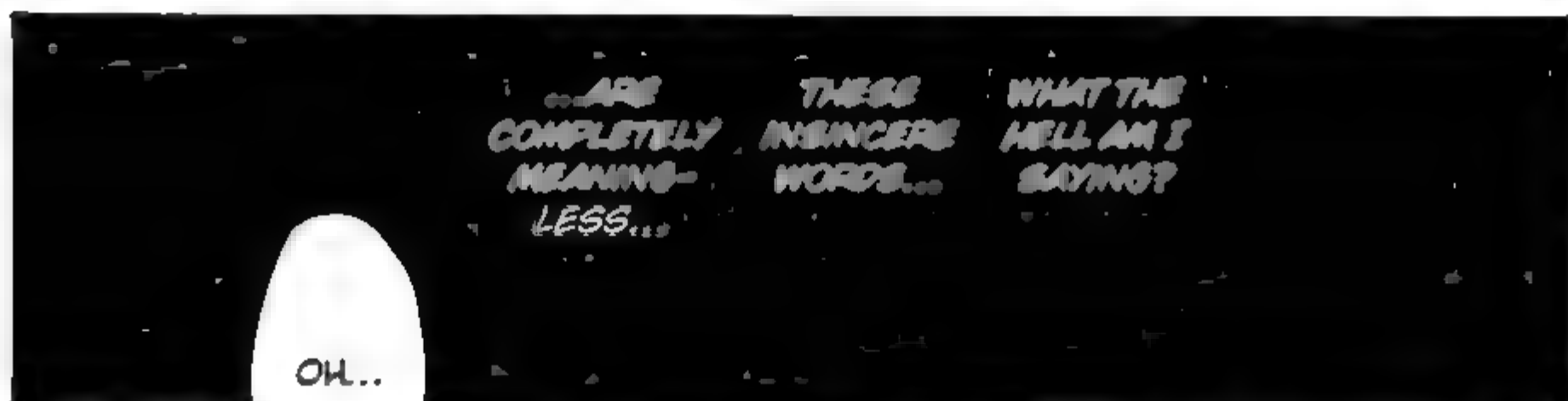
...AND I
HOPE I
CAN BE
A LITTLE
HAPPIER
THAN I AM
NOW.

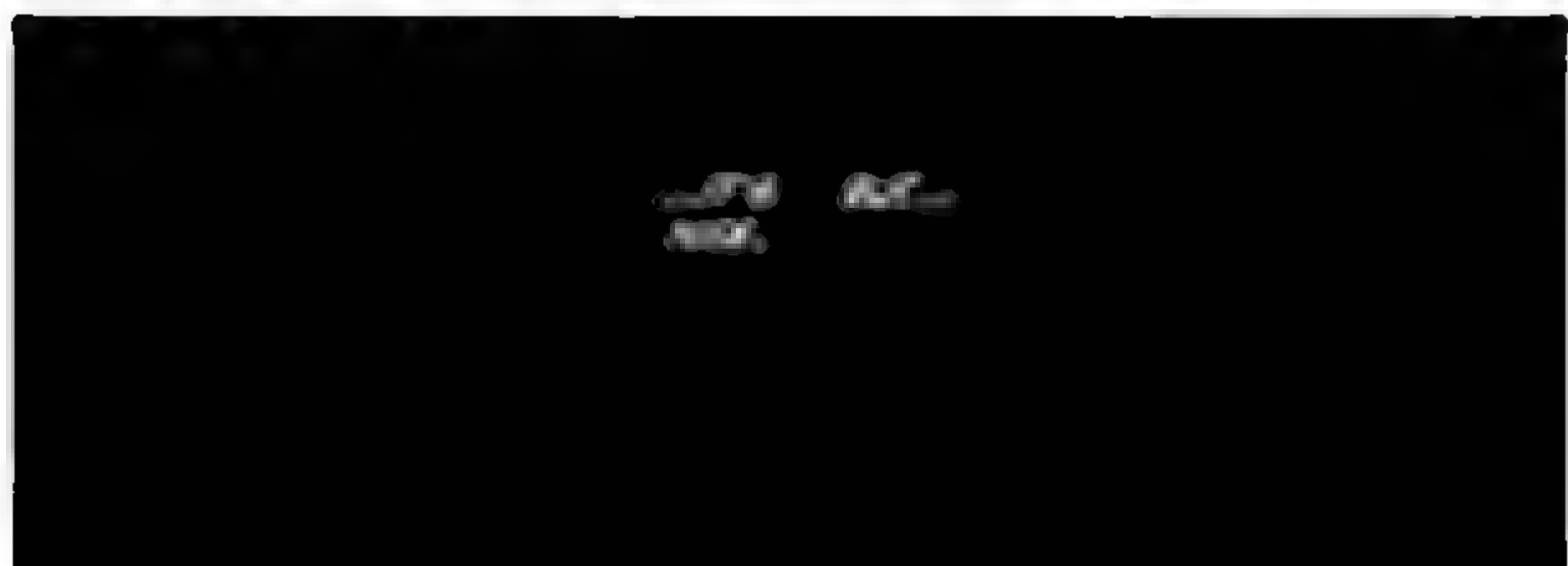
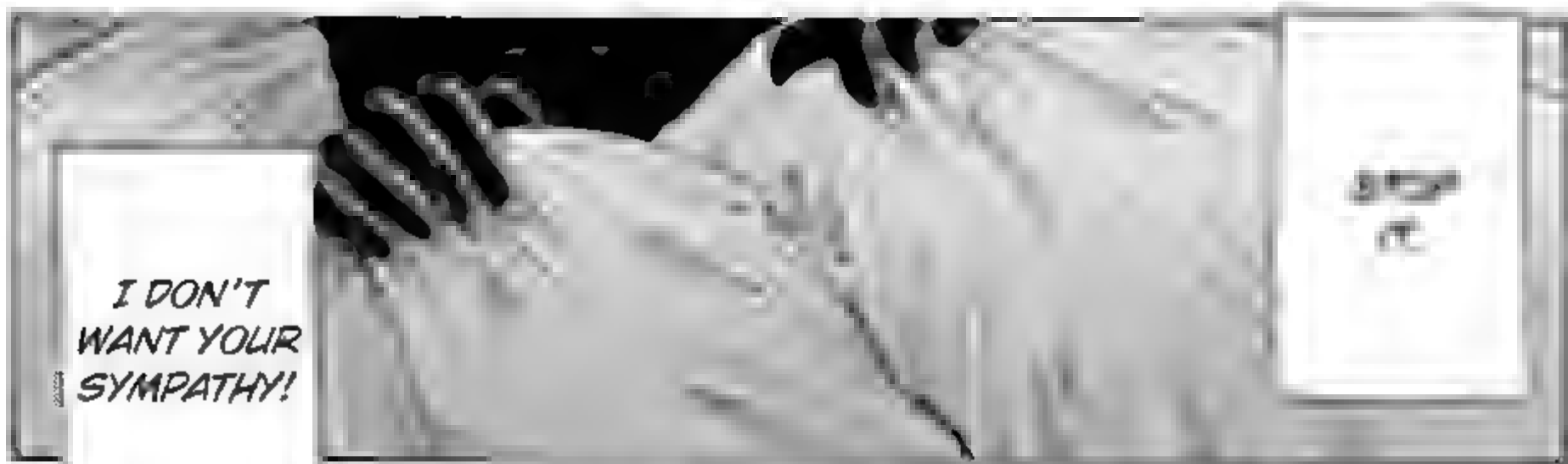
I
HOPE ALL
PEOPLE
ON EARTH
CAN BE
HAPPY...

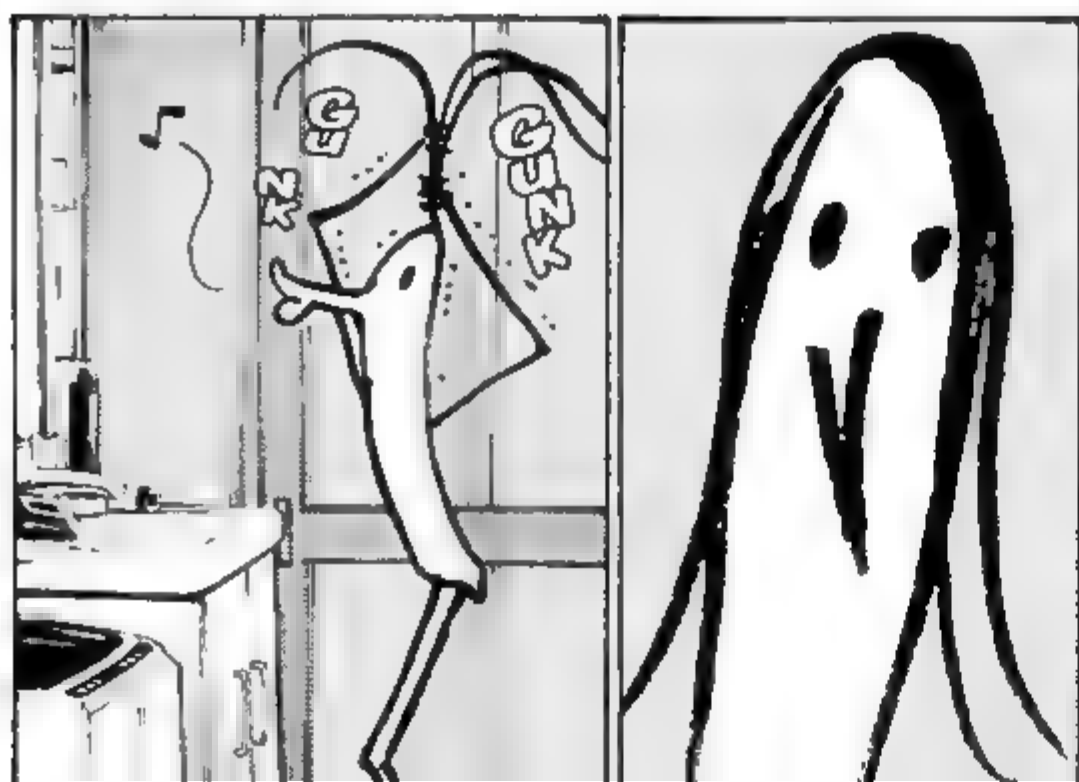
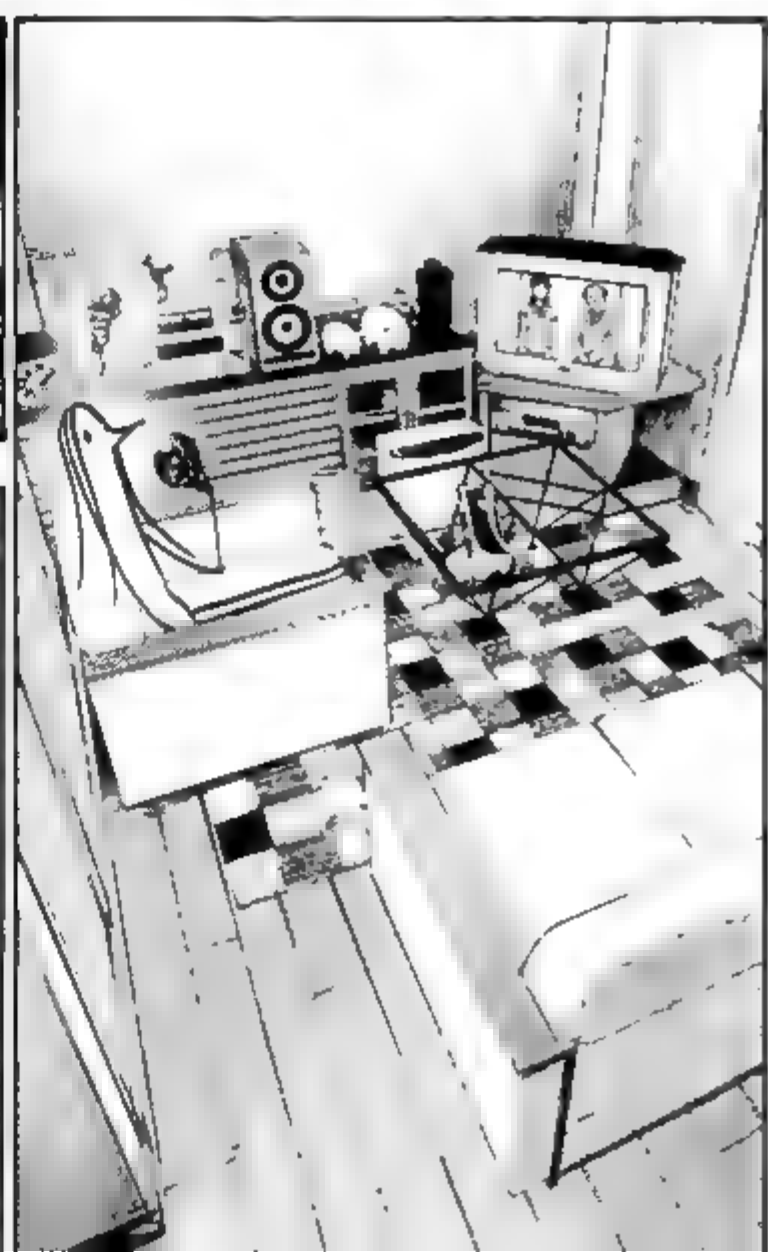
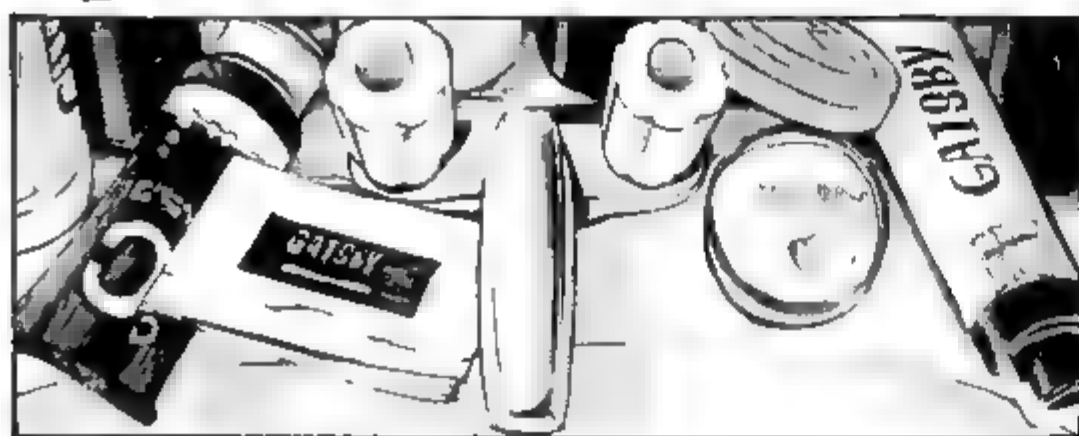
OH GOD, I
PROMISE
IT WAS A
LIE, SO
PLEASE
DON'T
THROW ME
INTO HELL!

I
DIDN'T
MEAN
IT...

I
LIED...

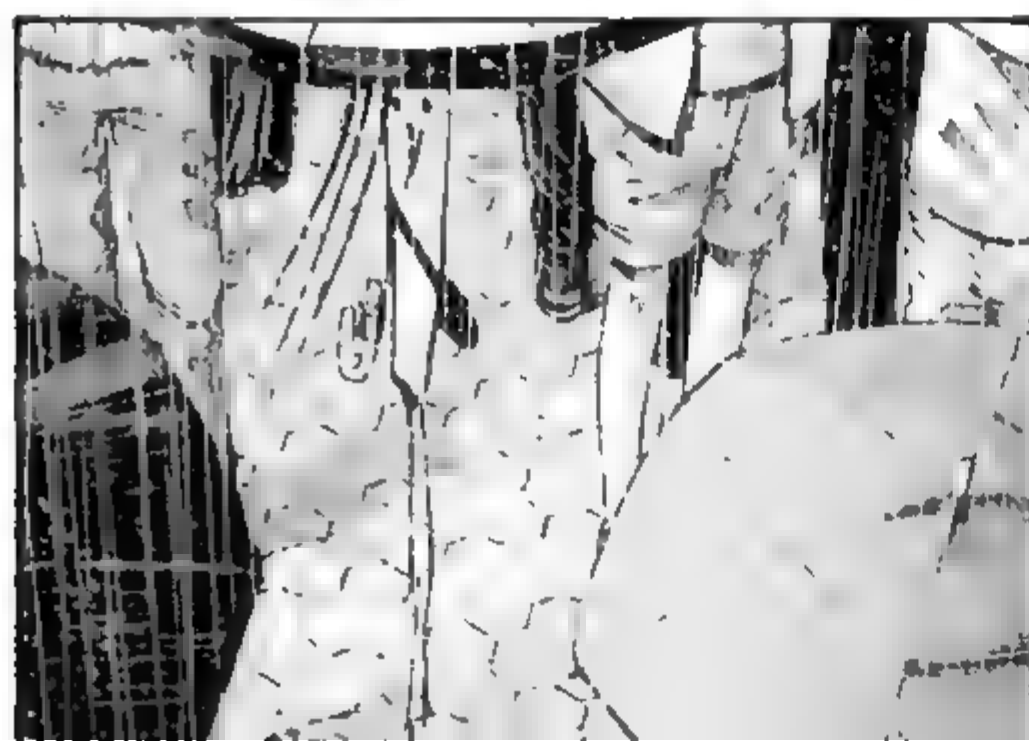
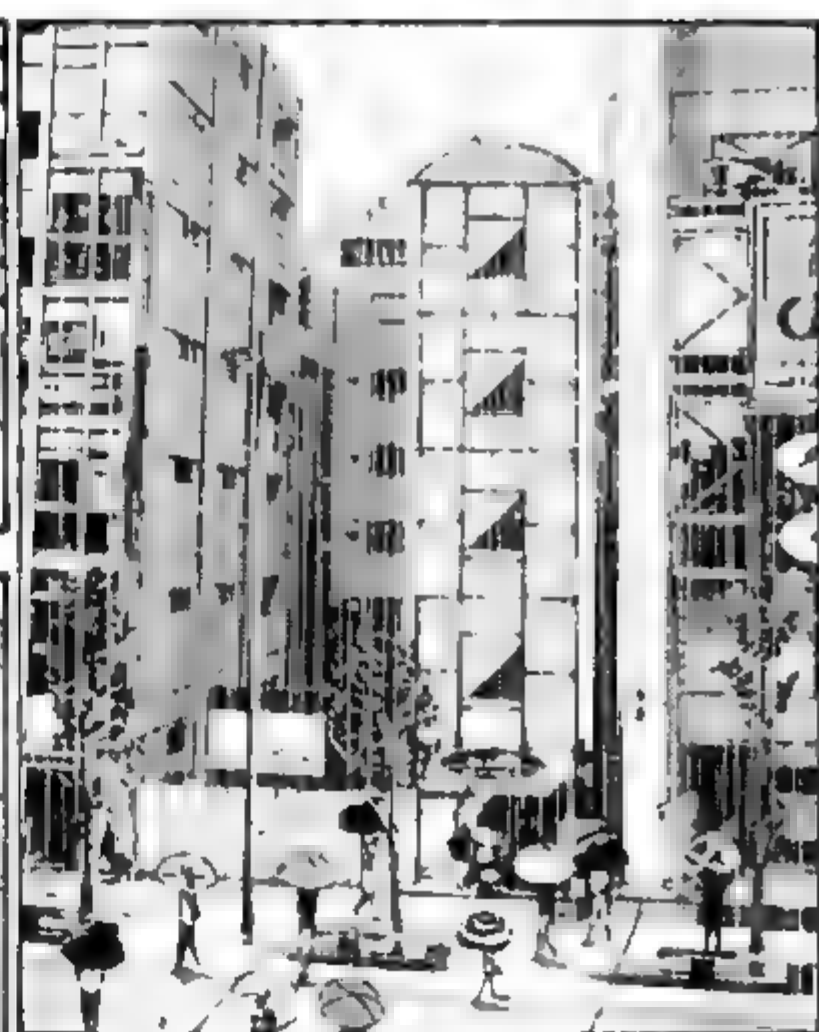






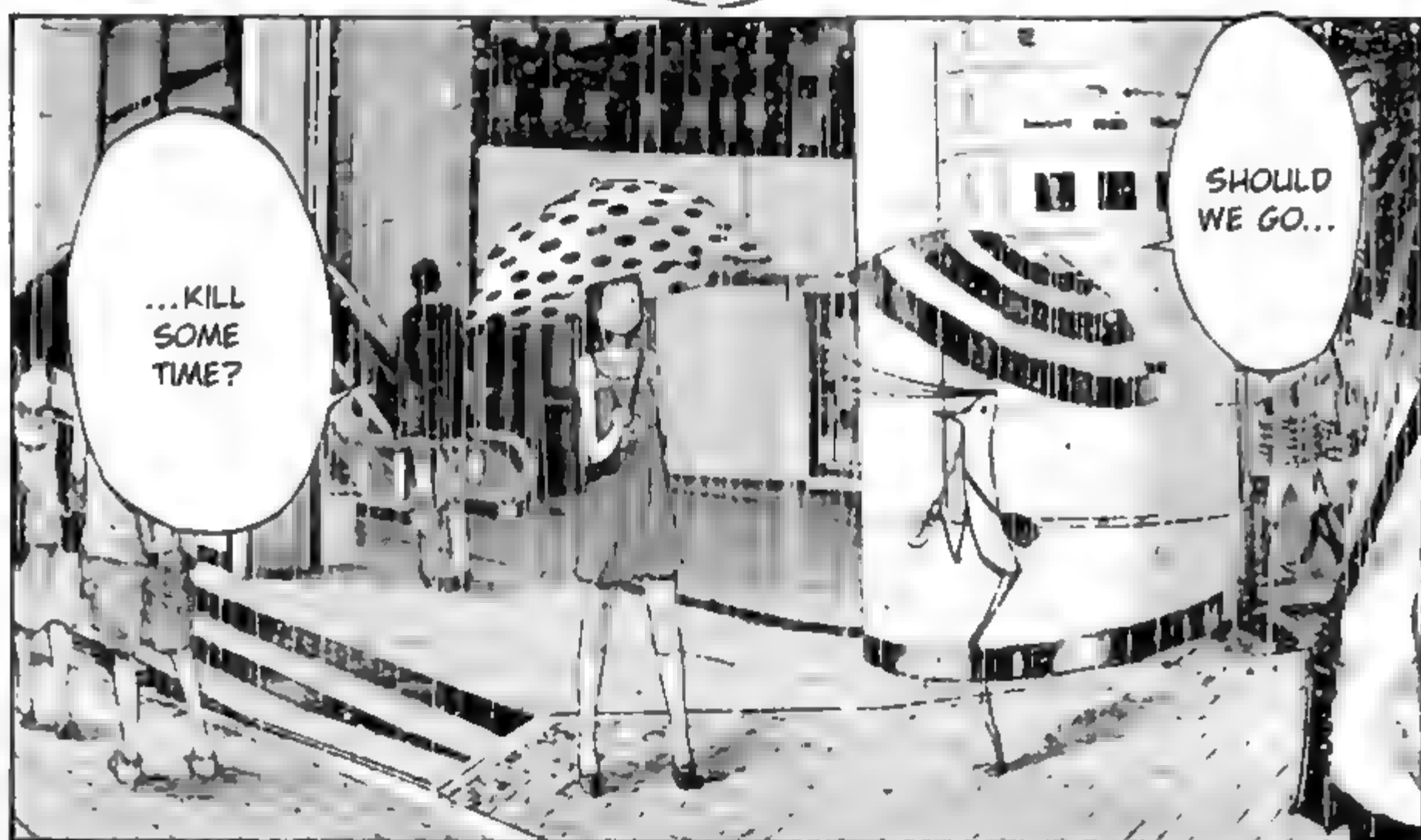


Ahh! Oh!
Oh yeah!











...WE'RE
GOING TO
MOVE YOU
TO THE
OTHER BED.

OKAY,
MS.
ONODERA
...



ON
THREE.





I'M SORRY,
I JUST
ASSUMED HE
WAS COMING
ON HIS OWN,
SO I DIDN'T
GET IN TOUCH
WITH HIM.



MIDORI

...

...
WHERE'S
PUNPUN?



PLEASE
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF MY
SISTER-IN-
LAW.

UM...



I
WAS
JUST
ASKING.

OH...

...
THAT'S
OKAY.



HEY...

...
NURSE.





...THIS HAS
NOTHING
TO DO WITH
MEN AND
WOMEN...

NO...



...AND
YOU
BECOME
A BIT
KINDER
YOUR-
SELF.

YOU
BECOME
MORE
SENSITIVE
TO THE
KINDNESS
OF
OTHERS
...

LOVE IS
STRANGE
...



...NEVER
FORGET
WHAT LETS
YOU LOVE.

...BE-
TRAYED
AND
HURT...

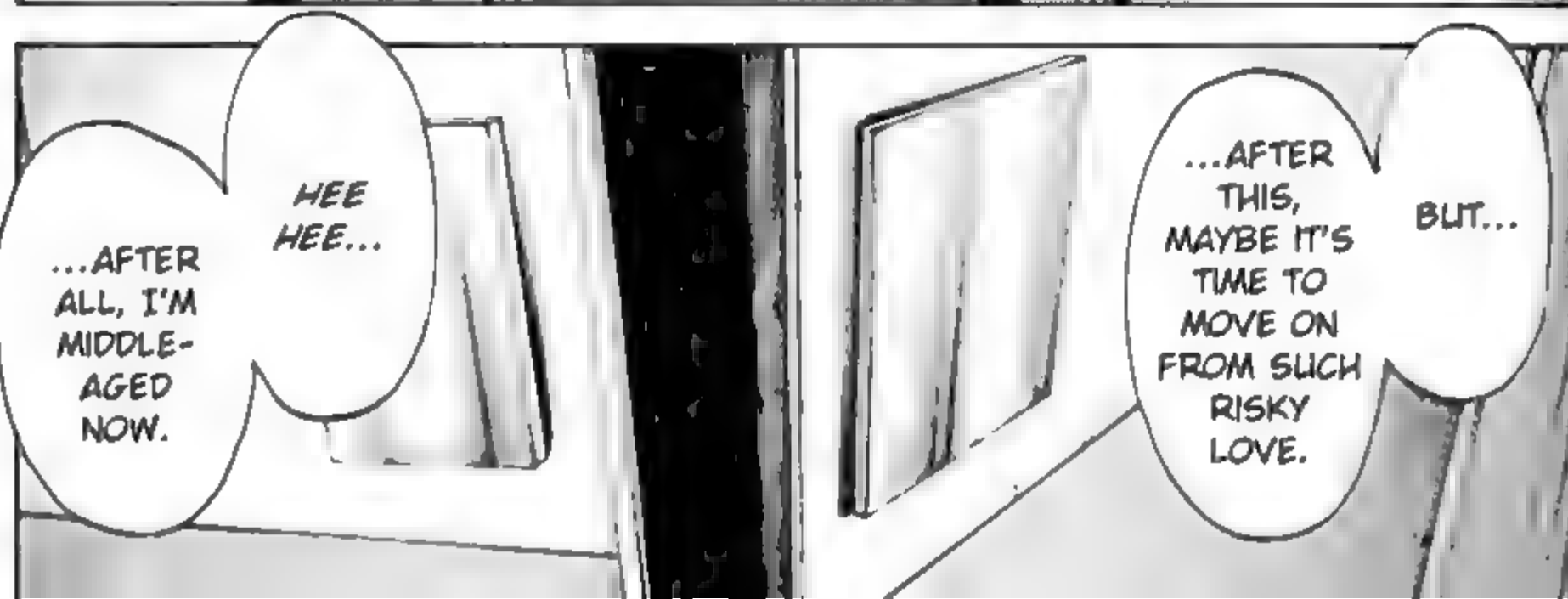
EVEN
IF
YOU'VE
BEEN
...



...ONE DAY
ALL THE
SCARS
WILL JUST
DISAPPEAR.

...AND
RECEIVING
LOTS OF
KINDNESS...

BY
LOVING
LOTS OF
PEOPLE...

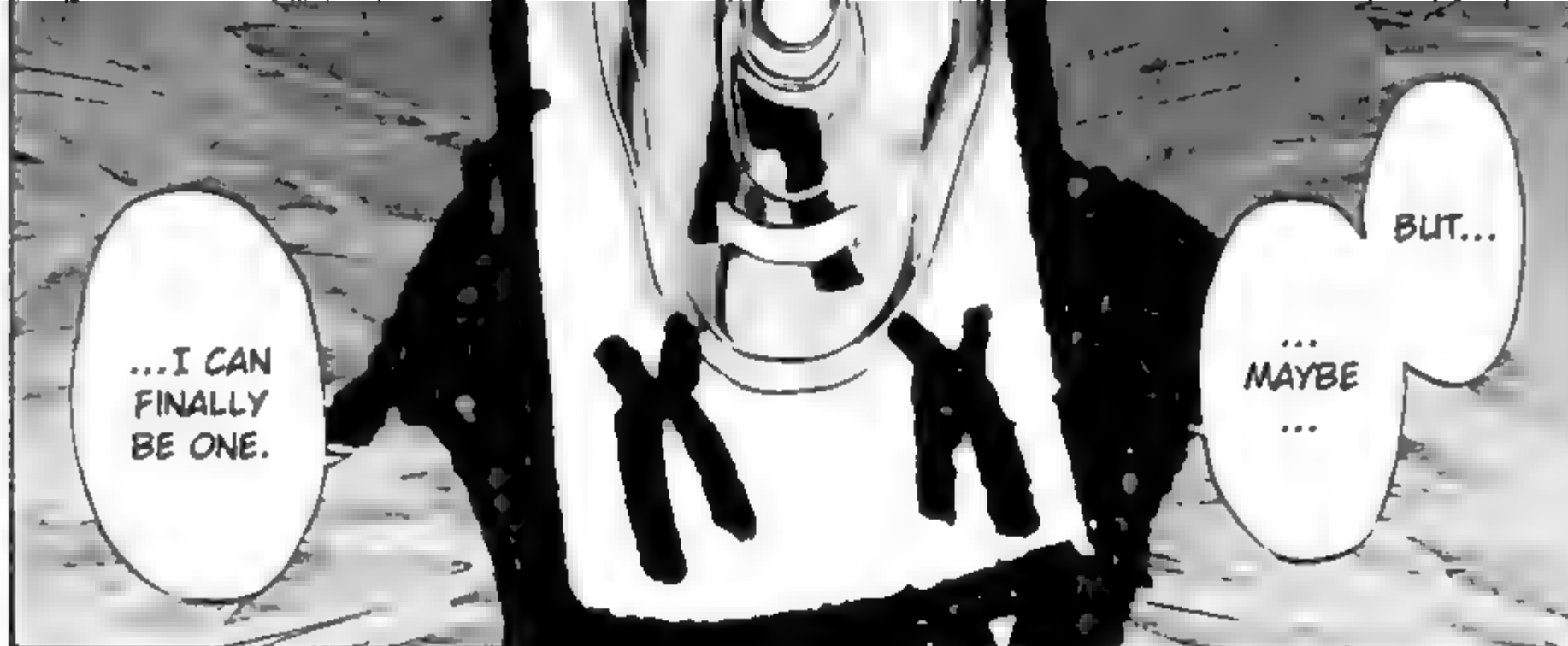


...AFTER
ALL, I'M
MIDDLE-
AGED
NOW.

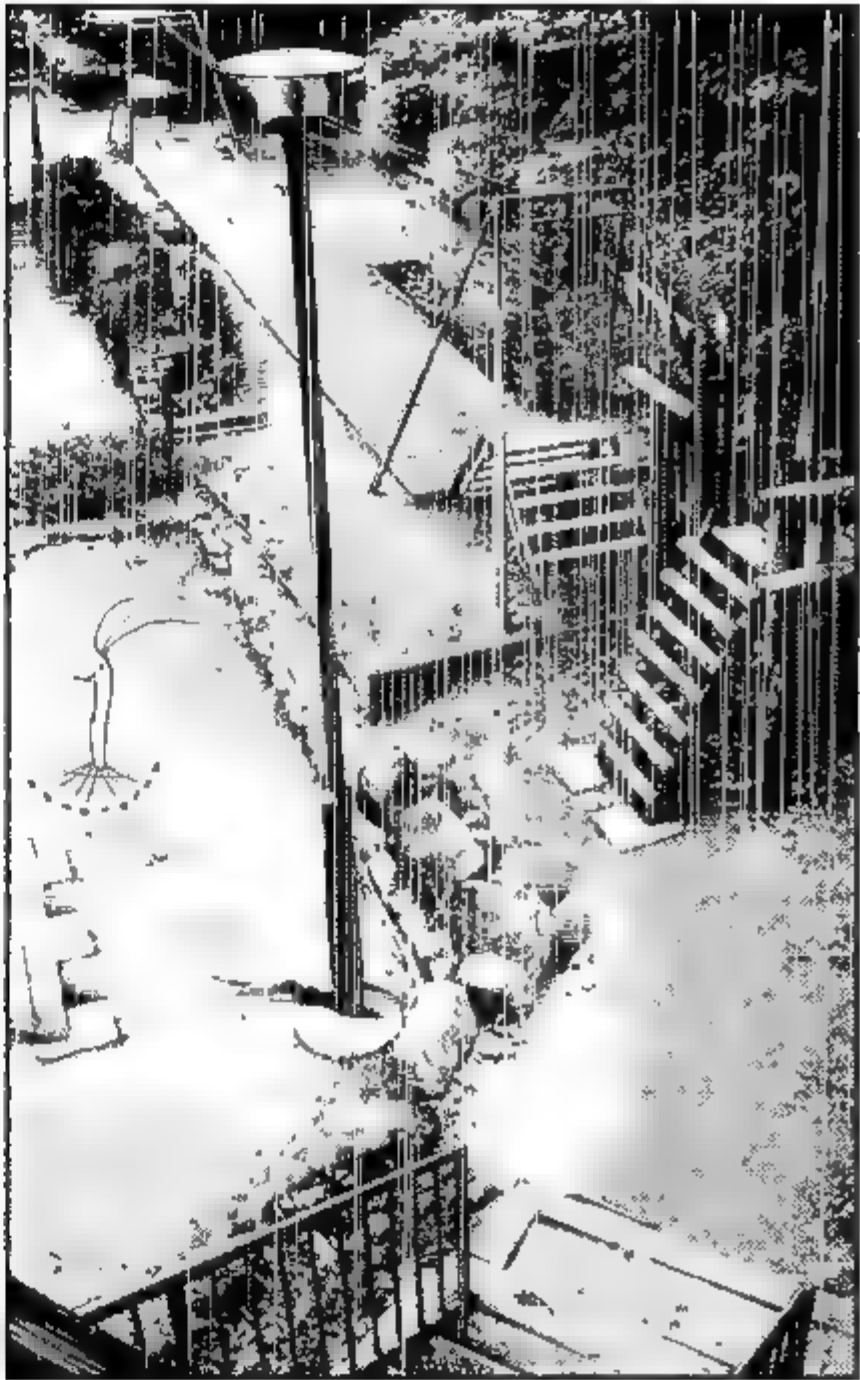
HEE
HEE...

...AFTER
THIS,
MAYBE IT'S
TIME TO
MOVE ON
FROM SUCH
RISKY
LOVE.

BUT...

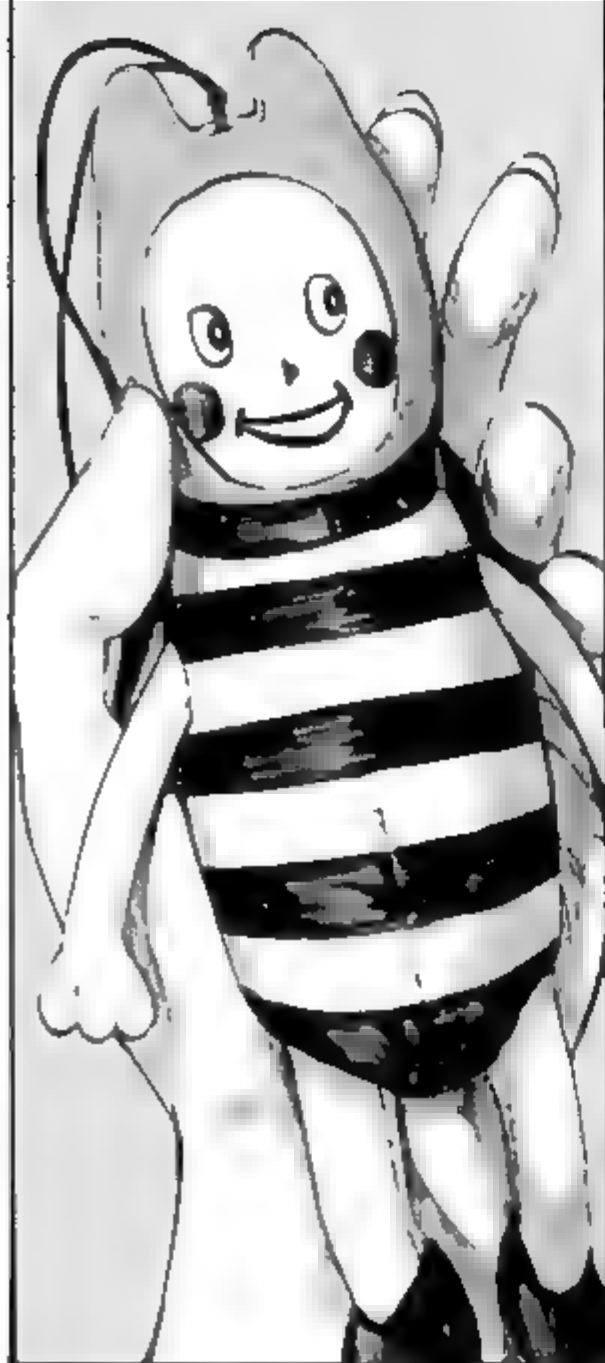






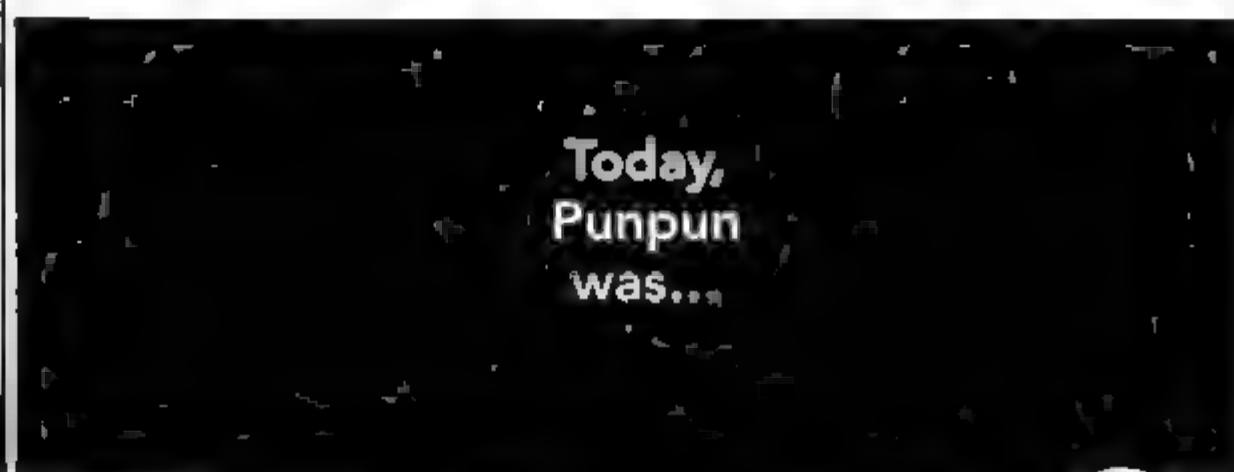






NO,
NO.

I
APPRECIATE
THE THOUGHT,
BUT IT'S
NOT WORTH
ALL THAT
MONEY...



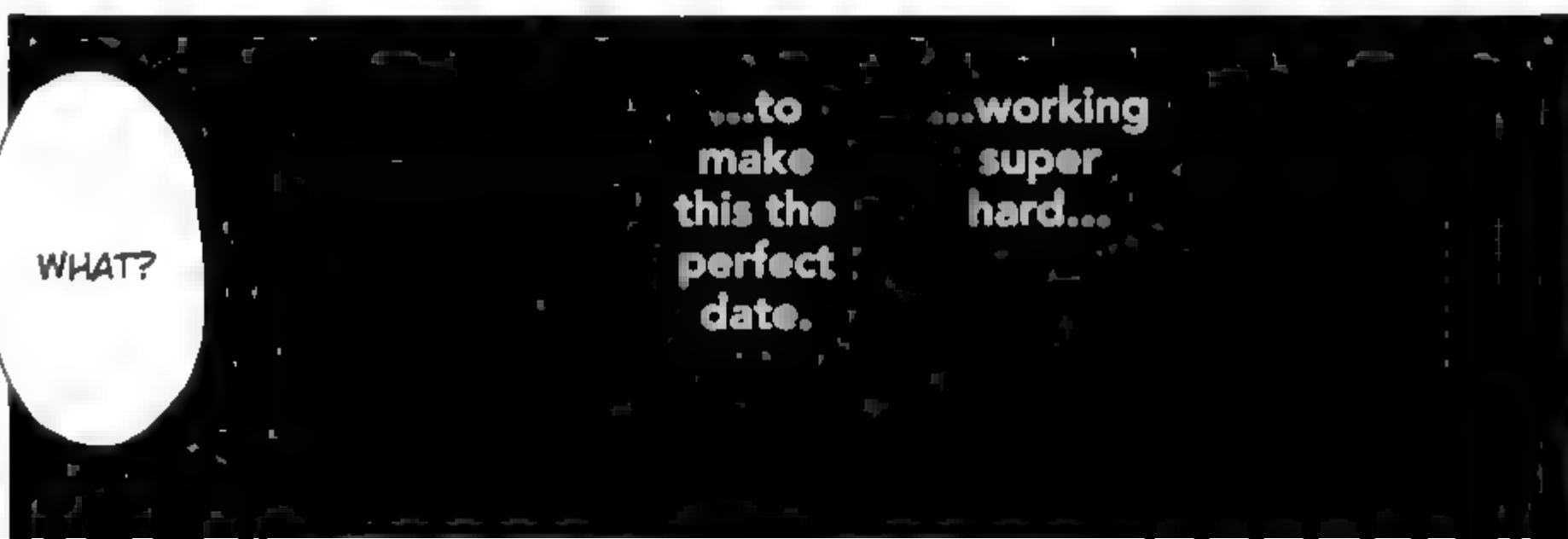
Today,
Punpun
was...



REALLY, I
PROMISE TO
TAKE GOOD
CARE OF
IT FOR THE
REST OF MY
LIFE!

UHH
...

SORRY
ABOUT
THAT.



WHAT?

...to
make
this the
perfect
date.

...working
super
hard...



ACTUALLY,
I'LL COVER
EVERYTHING
ELSE, SINCE
YOU PAID
FOR THE
ARCADE.

...I CAN
PAY FOR
MYSELF.

NO,
NO...



NO,
NO.

NO,



ERRM...

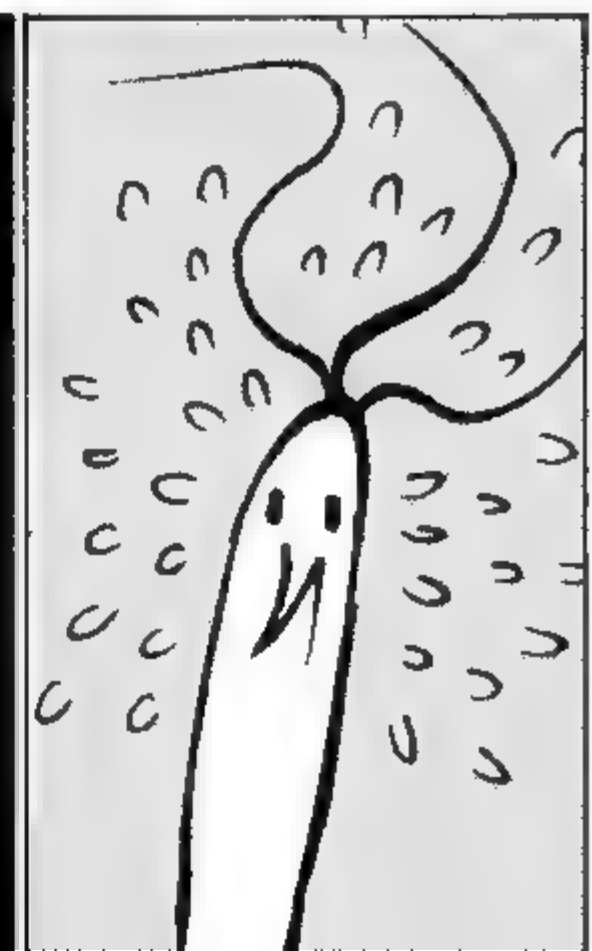
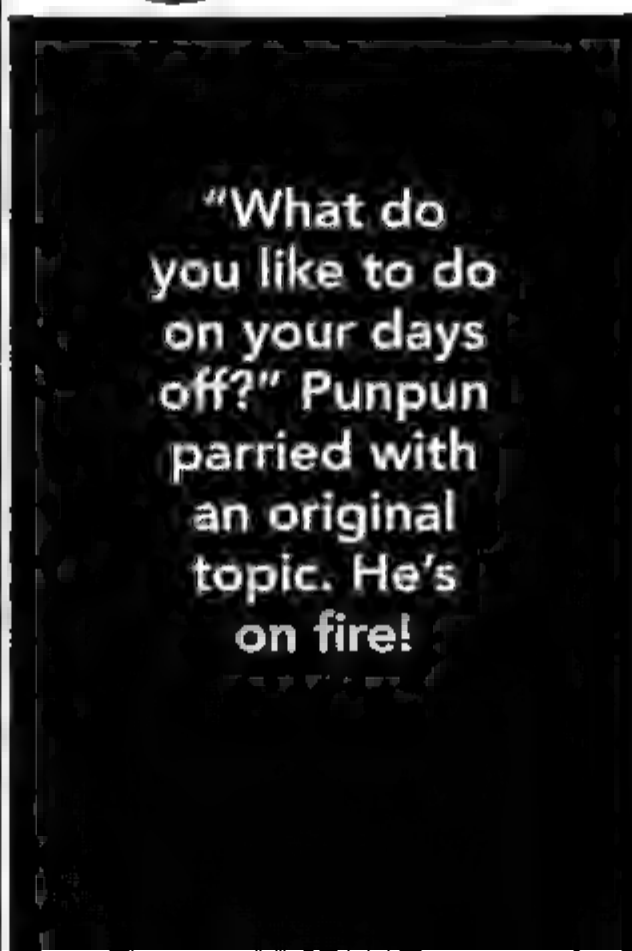
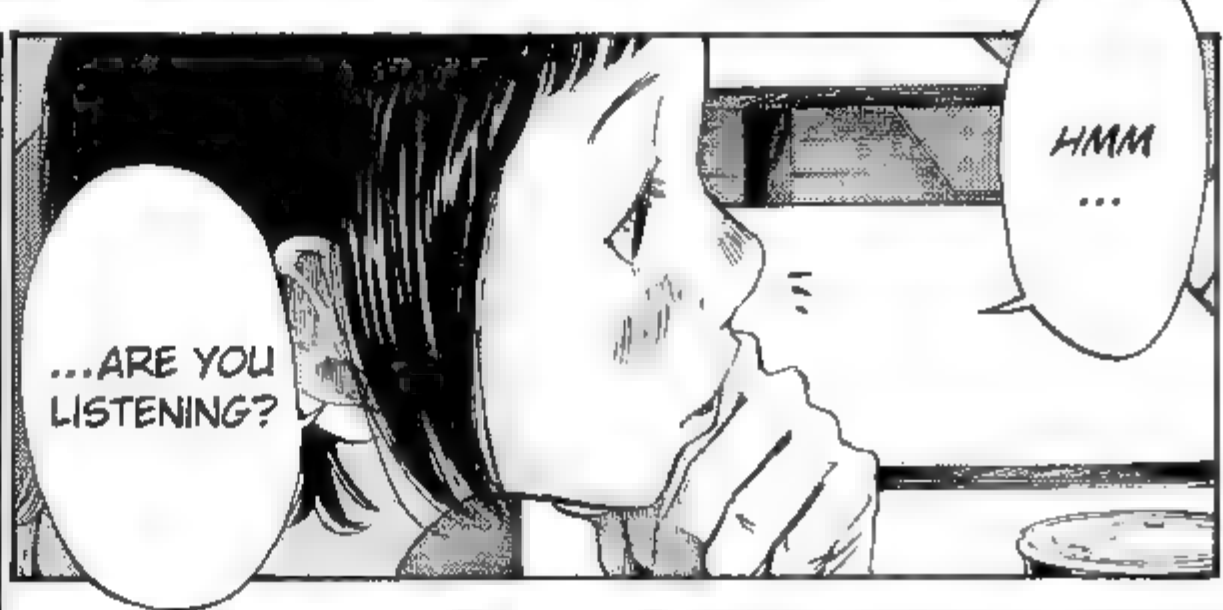
I'LL
PAY YOU
BACK
ANOTHER
TIME.

YOU
KNOW...

...IT'S ONLY
BEEN TWO
MONTHS SINCE
WE STARTED
HIGH SCHOOL,
BUT IT'S
GOING BY SO
QUICKLY.

MIDTERMS
JUST
ENDED, AND
MY HEAD'S
ALREADY
FULL OF
FINALS!







THERE ARE LOTS OF PLACES IN THE WORLD WHERE PEOPLE ARE POOR AND LACK VITAL SERVICES.

I WANT TO VOLUNTEER OVERSEAS...

I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE BORN IN AN AFFLUENT COUNTRY LIKE JAPAN, SO I WANT TO TRY AND HELP.

...BUT I'M STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DO IT.



COMMUNICATION IS SO IMPORTANT WHEN YOU'RE WORKING WITH PEOPLE, DON'T YOU THINK?

SO I'M TEACHING MYSELF ENGLISH.



"Watch TV, play video games."

After much thought

...was all he could come up with.

SO HOW ABOUT YOU, ONO-
DERA ...

Punpun had no reply for such an unexpectedly serious answer.

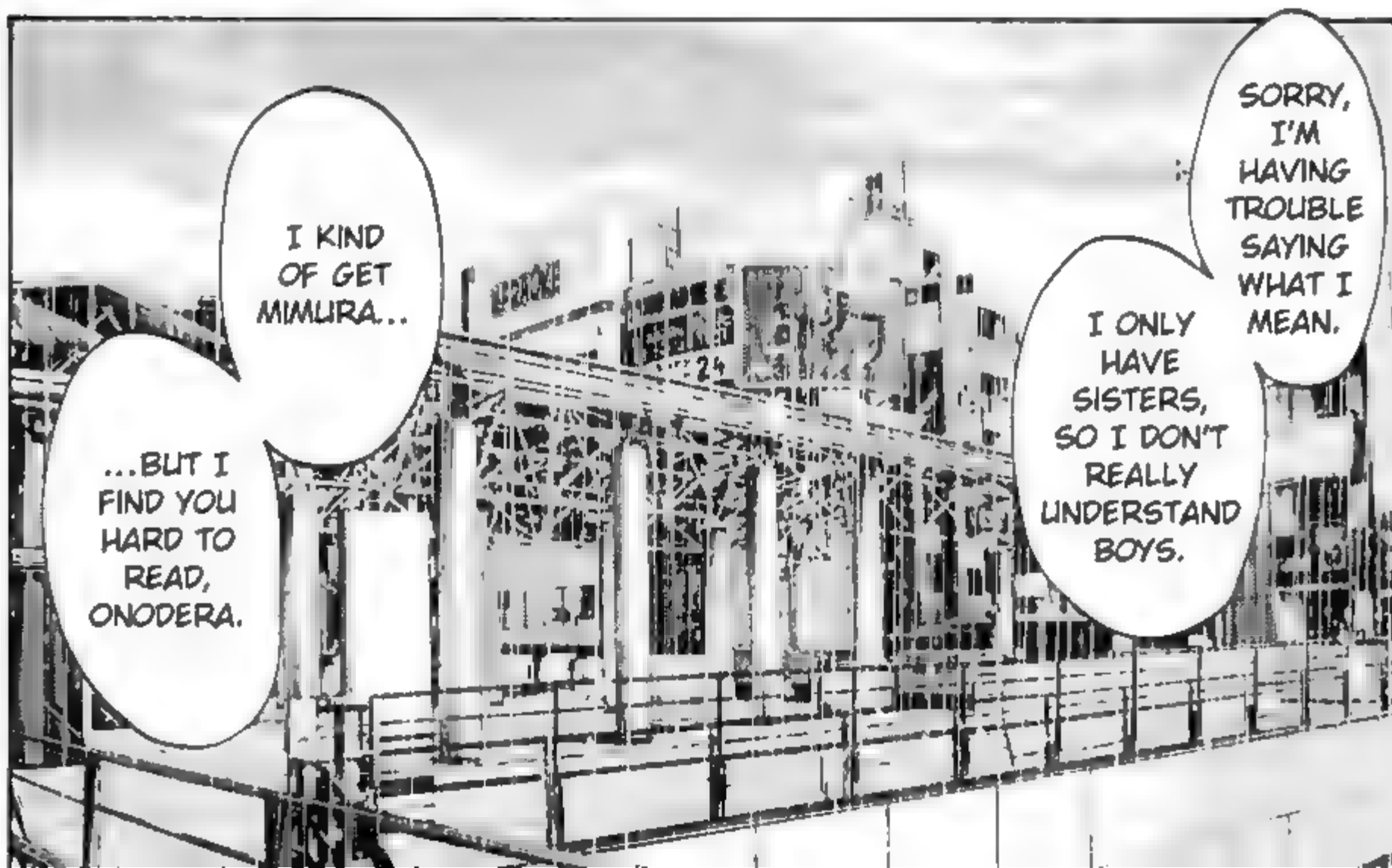
...WHAT DO YOU DO?



"...without
an ounce of
principles!"

"That makes
me look
unbelievably
lowbrow..."





...and
unworthy.

They
weren't really
connecting,
which was a
little irritating
and was making
him feel...

Punpun
felt the
same
about
her.



...but he
was just
spinning
his wheels.
It was a
strange
feeling.

He was
trying so
hard...

It was such a
fierce stiffy that
Punpun decided
to call it an **ultra
hard-on**.

Plus, he was
worried that Kanie
would notice the
raging boner he'd
been sporting for
the last couple of
hours.





SACHI,
YOU'VE
CHANGED
YOUR LOOK.
NO MORE
BLACK
FRAMES?



GOOD
FOR YOU,
SMARTY.

I
HEARD
YOU GOT
INTO HIGH
SCHOOL 1
TOO...



HEY,
AZUSA,
IT'S BEEN
A WHILE.



HUH?



I
DON'T NEED
TO HEAR
THAT FROM
A SLUTTY
CYBORG LIKE
YOU.



UM...



...WE'RE
JUST FRIENDS
FROM SCHOOL—
DON'T GET
AHEAD OF
YOUR-
SELVES.



LOOKS
LIKE YOUR
LITTLE SISTER
LOST HER
VIRGINITY
FIRST.



HEY,
HEY,
WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO
NOW?!





THIS IS
MY SISTER
MIYUKI...

...AND
HER FRIEND
FROM HIGH
SCHOOL
SACHI
NANJO.

LET ME
INTRO-
DUCE
YOU.

OH,
SORRY,
ONODERA
...



YOUR
STUFF IS
JUST BIGGER
THAN MINE.
IT'S A TOTAL
WASTE OF
PAINT.

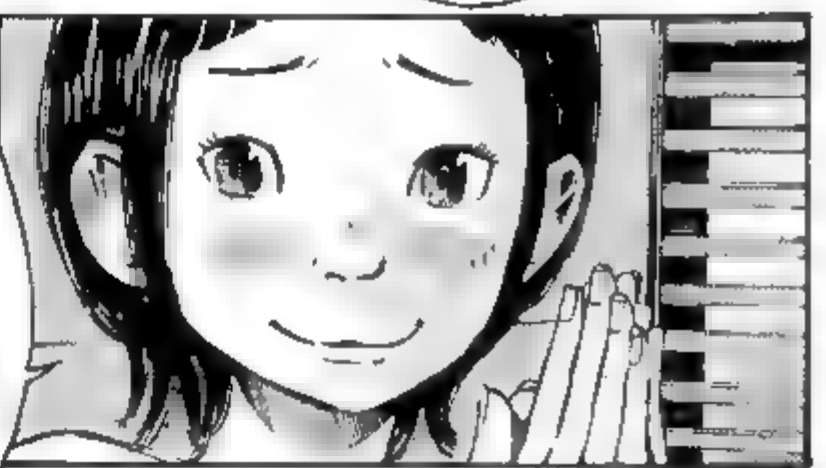
SHUT
UP,
YOU...

IT'S A
LITTLE BIT
BETTER
THAN
MIYUKI'S
DEPRESS-
ING CRAP.

MY
WORK'S
ON DISPLAY
TOO, SO
TAKE A
LOOK...



PAY NO
ATTENTION
TO THEM.
THEY'RE
ALWAYS LIKE
THIS.





...it was hard for Punpun to describe how he felt about the painting.

Truthfully...



Punpun didn't know anymore.

If he said that, would it make things all right?

"Families are the best, baby-baby! ☆"

"That's exactly how I feel!"

Pun was
feeling
very
insecure.

"I wonder
if Kanie is
having a
good time
with me?"

He was
losing
confi-
dence.

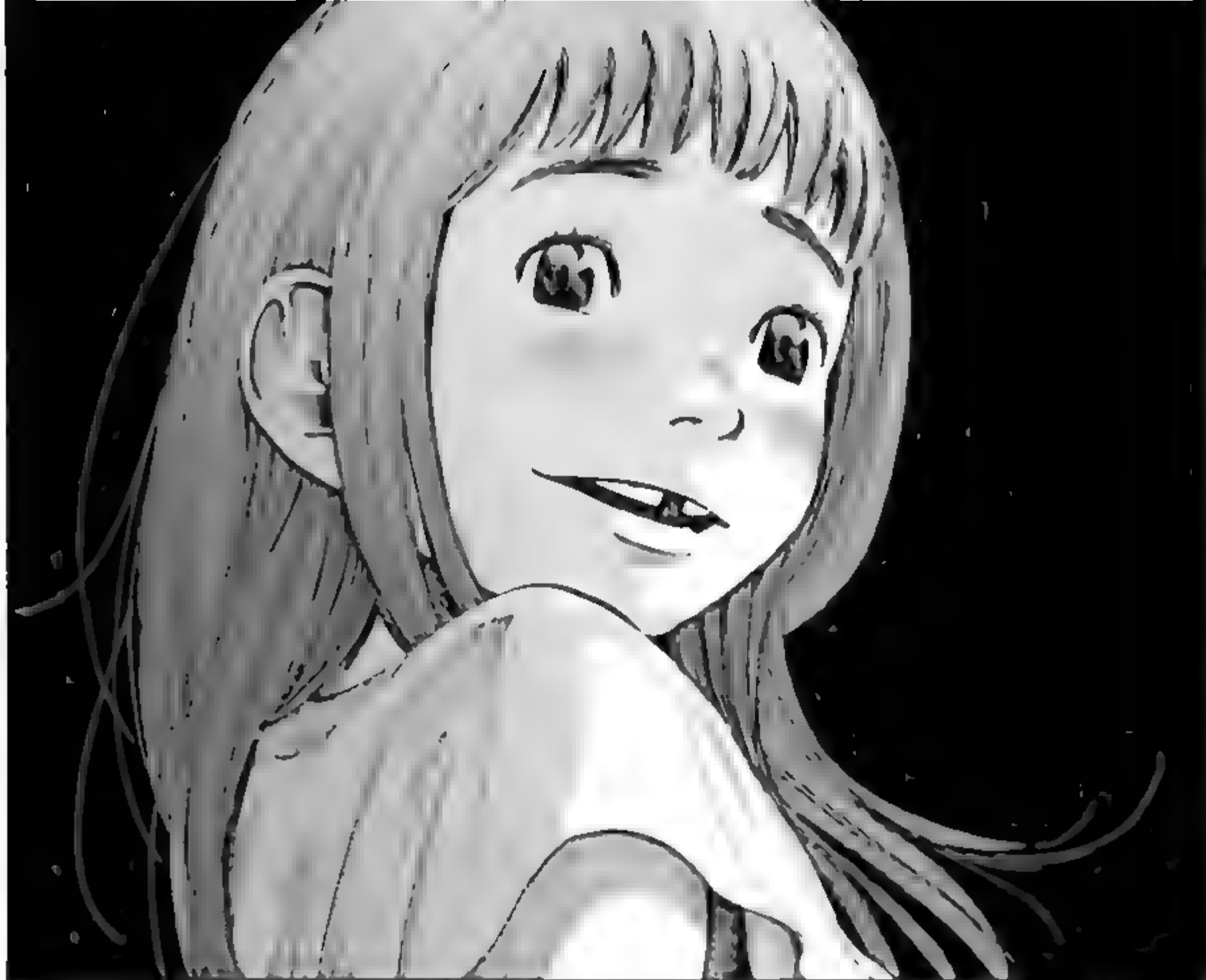
"What
do I like
about
Kanie...?"

...made
an image
pop into
Punpun's
head...

Thinking
about
those
things...

"...when
you're
falling in
love?"

"Is this
how
you're
supposed
to feel..."



...from
back
then.

...of
Aiko...



Having
thoughts
like that
made him
despicable,
Punpun
decided.

"...one
more
time."

"I just
want to
see her..."





MILKY WAY
SACHI NANJO

...he'd
seen that
sky
before.

Punpun
felt
sure...

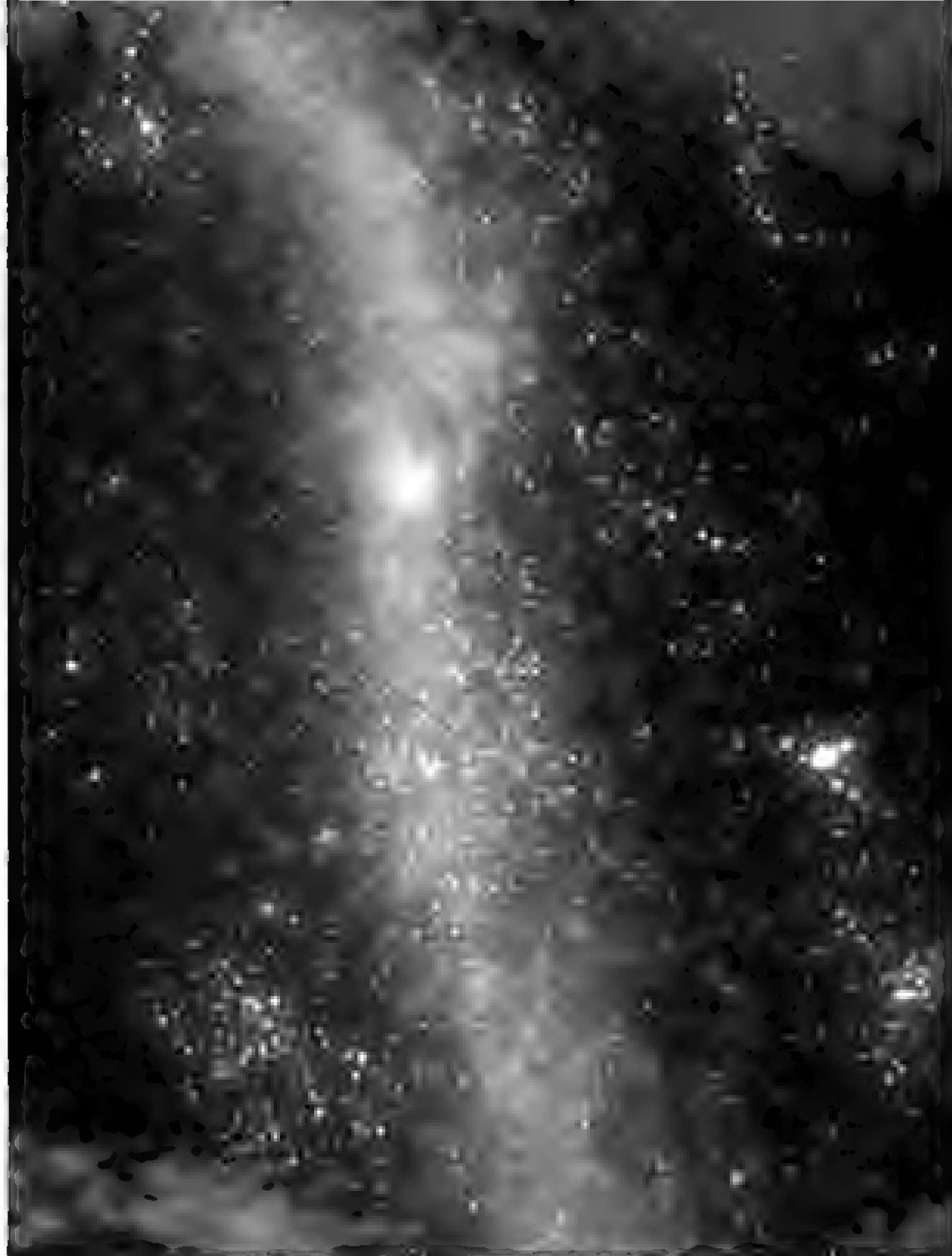


The
painting
looked just
like that.

That big,
big night
sky full of
stars...

...on the
way home
from
exploring
the miso
factory with
his friends.

It was
when he
was in
elementary
school...



"...and
is still
sparkling."

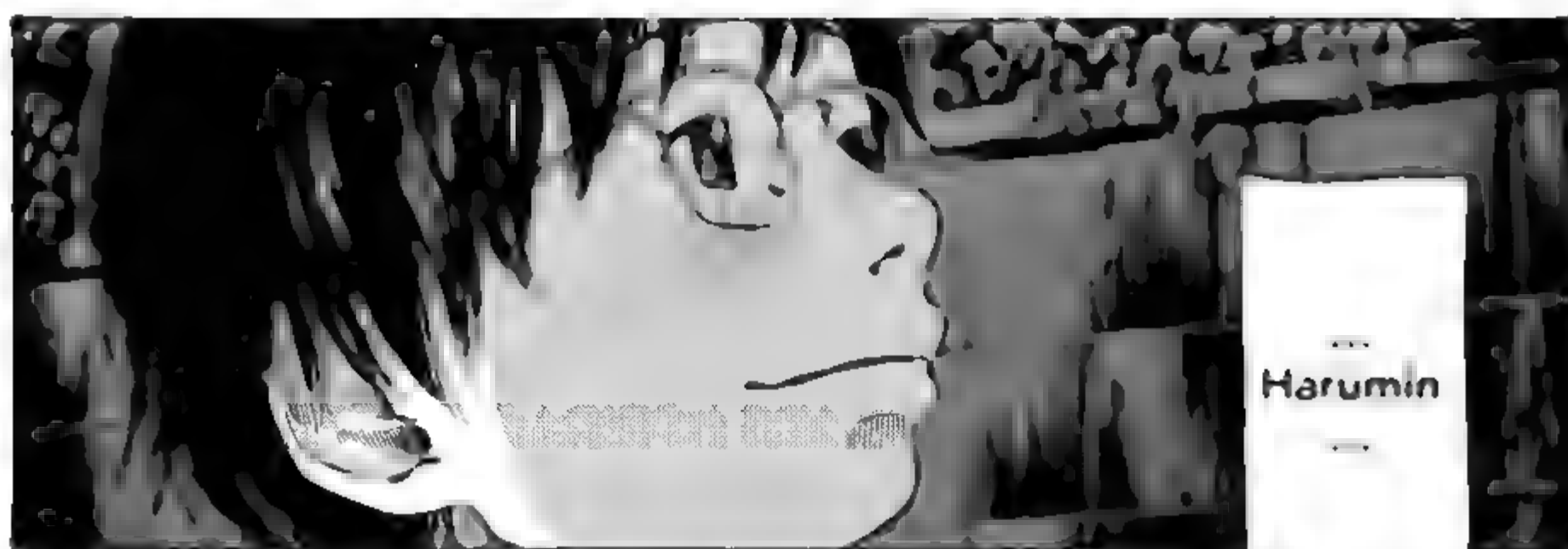
"...hasn't
changed
since
then..."

"I bet
that
night's
starry
sky..."

Punpun
idly
thought...



But...



...
Harumin
...



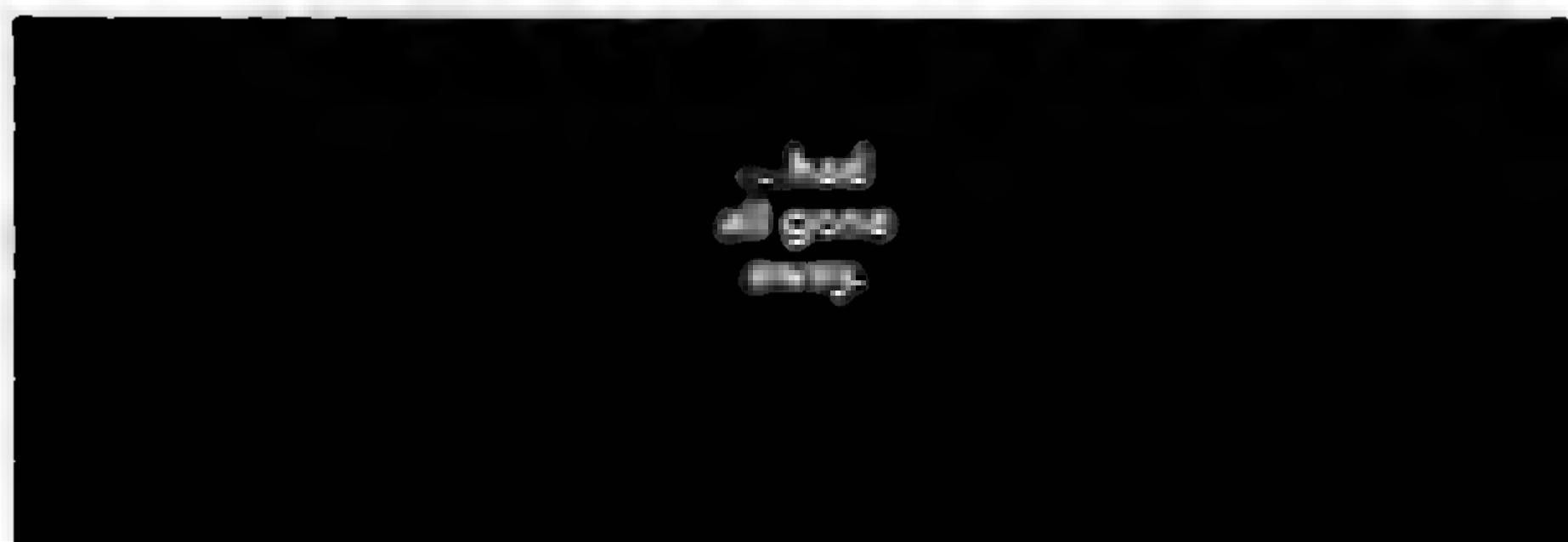
...and
Seki...



...and
Shimi...



...and
Komatsu
...



With an
arbitrary
hard-on.

"I'm on a
first date
with a girl
I'm not
comfortable
with.

Punpun
thought...

"Why am I
working
so hard
when she
doesn't
even
notice?"

"Do I really
think I'll get
lucky and
she'll let
me put the
tip in?"

"What
am I
doing
here?"

Lazily,
slowly
letting
things
happen.

This was
just the
result of
going with
the flow...

Surely he
wasn't
thinking
anything...

He didn't
know...

As a little
kid, could
he have ever
imagined
that this was
how he was
going to
turn out?

Punpun
was
having
trouble
breathing...

...that
Punpun
was
steadily
becoming
sleazier.

...but it
seemed
unfair...

...would
probably
still
sparkle
in the
past,
present
and
future...

The
starry
sky he
saw
that
night...

...and he
thought
again...

"What
are you
doing
here?"

"Is this
what you
want?"

"Use
your
head."

"I've had
enough of
your excuses,
explanations
and
evasions..."

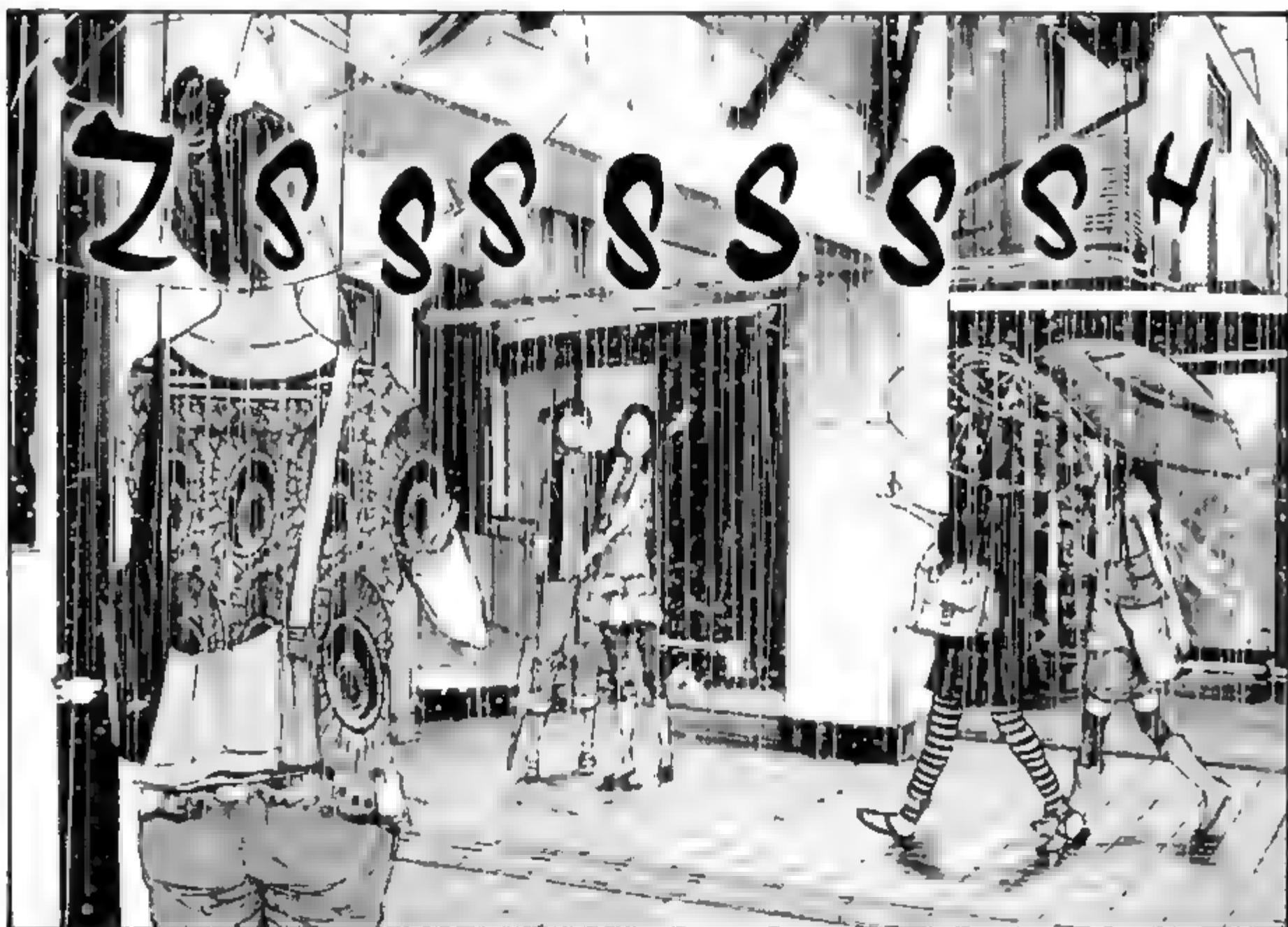
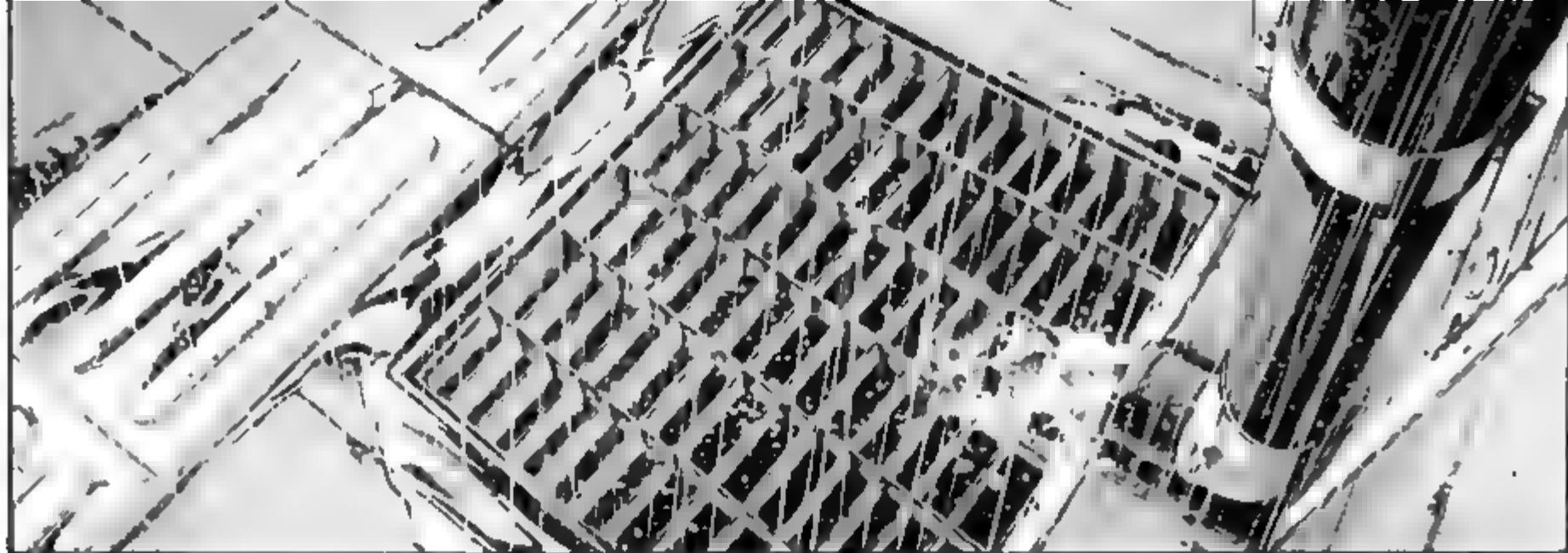
"...idiot."

Punpun
just
barely
managed
to hang
on.

"I'm
doing
the
best I
can..."

"Just
shut
up..."

"Shut
up..."







NO ONE'S
WRITTEN IN
IT YET.

YOUR
THOUGHTS
ON THE
PIECE.

OH YEAH,
WOULD
YOU MIND
WRITING
IT
DOWN?



I DON'T
CARE IF IT'S
SCRIBBLES.
JUST WRITE
SOMETHING,
OKAY?

...BUT I'M
RACING MIYUKI
TO SEE WHO
CAN GET THE
MOST PAGES
FILLED.

THIS IS
BETWEEN
YOU AND
ME...



SO BE
GENTLE
WITH
HER.

AZUSA
IS A
VIRGIN.

AND
FYI...



GO
FOR IT,
YOUNG
MAN!

...had no
idea what
to write.

Punpun...



...
ensnared
in
memories
of the
past.

He was
counter-
produc-
tively...

Looking
back, he
couldn't tell
how much of
it he'd really
meant...

He'd
definitely
been a little
off as a kid,
he thought.

Win a Nobel
Prize and
emigrate
to Planet
Punpun...

Become an
academic
who
studies the
universe...

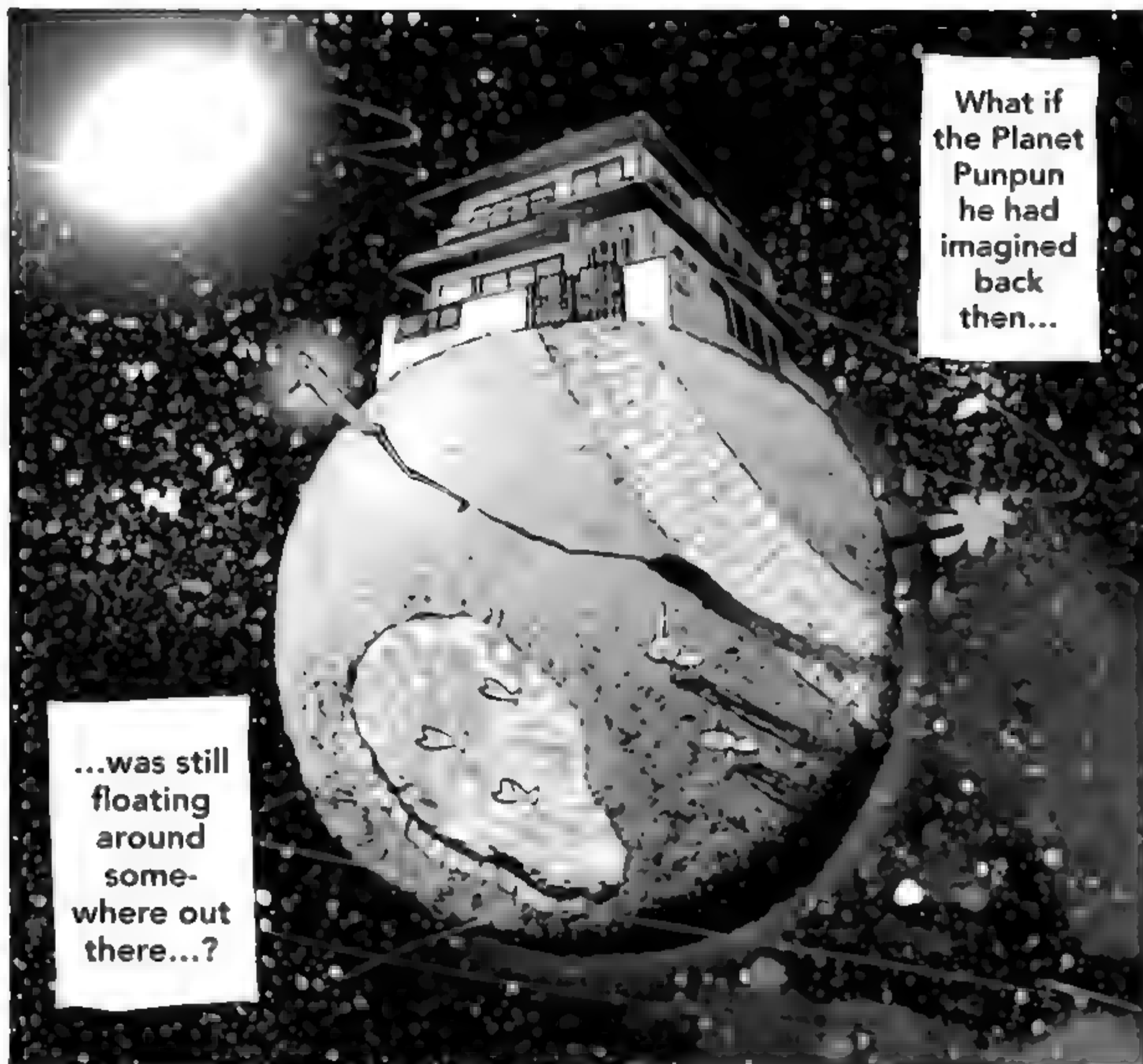
He also
thought
he had
become
very
boring.



...a near-
miraculous
probability...

...and
this
really
was a
what-if...

But,
what
if...



What if
the Planet
Punpun
he had
imagined
back
then...

...was still
floating
around
some-
where out
there...?

He's
pretty
much a
shit.

...thinking
about things
like that in
high school...

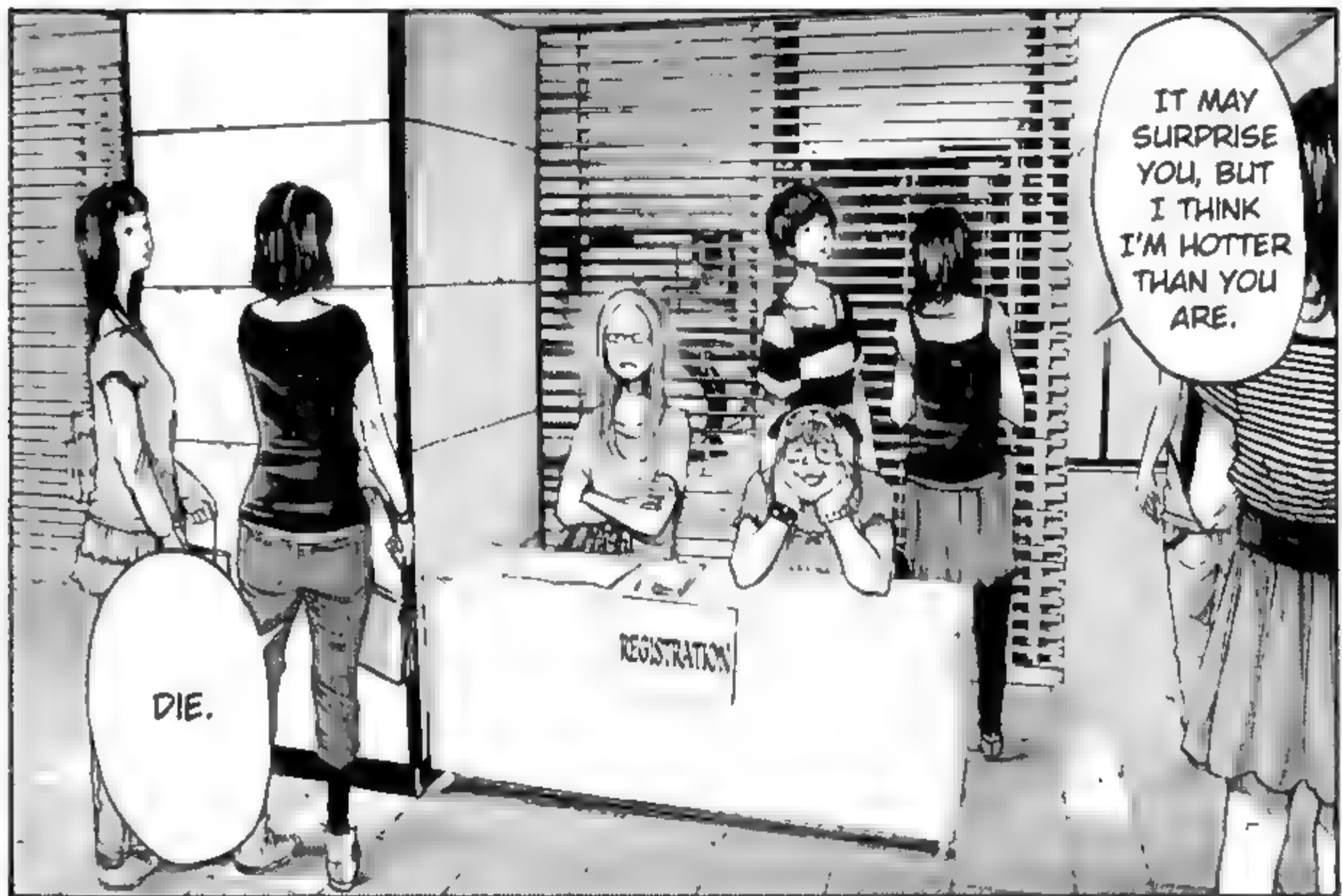
He must
really be
a little
off...

Yeah,
right.



...it might make things a little more fun, Punpun thought.

If he could become truly crazy...

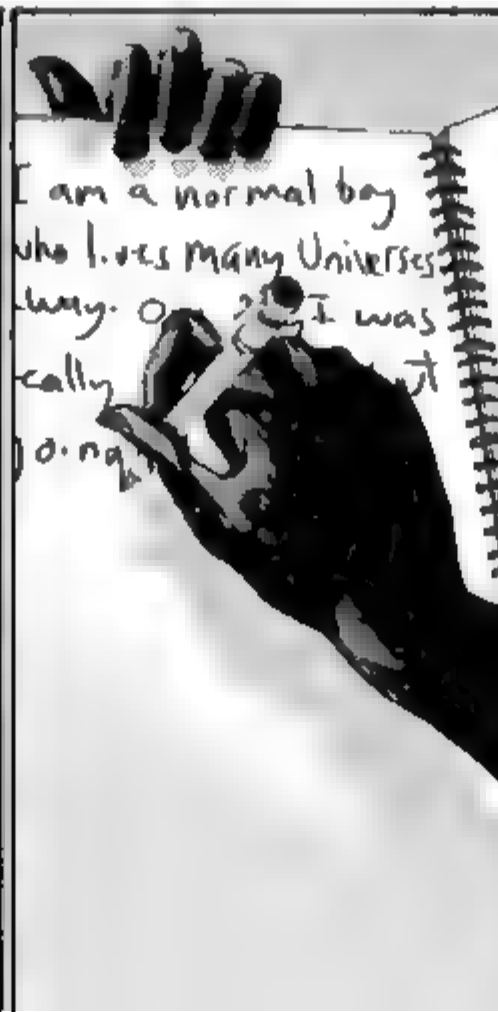


IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, BUT I THINK I'M HOTTER THAN YOU ARE.

DIE.

One day I was really depressed about going to school.

I am a normal boy who lives many universes away.

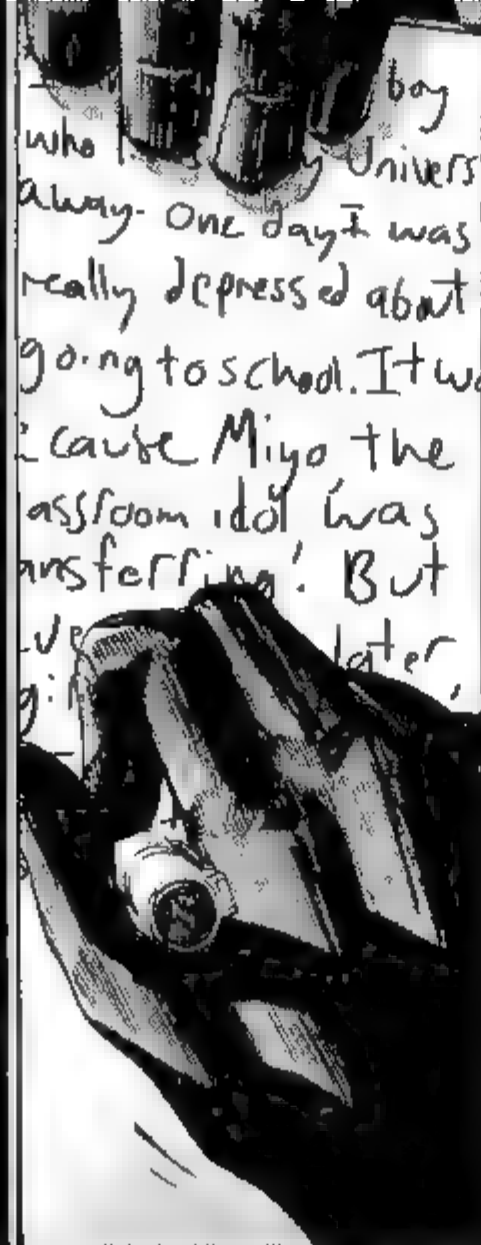


"...how about this story, titled 'The Milky Way.'"

"Well, as long as I'm a shit..."

It was love at first sight.

But several days later, a girl from a faraway star transferred to our school.



It was because Miyo, the classroom idol, was transferring.



For instance, something like this.

The grown-up me floats aimlessly through the Milky Way, looking for what I lost.

But over time, I lost sight of her.

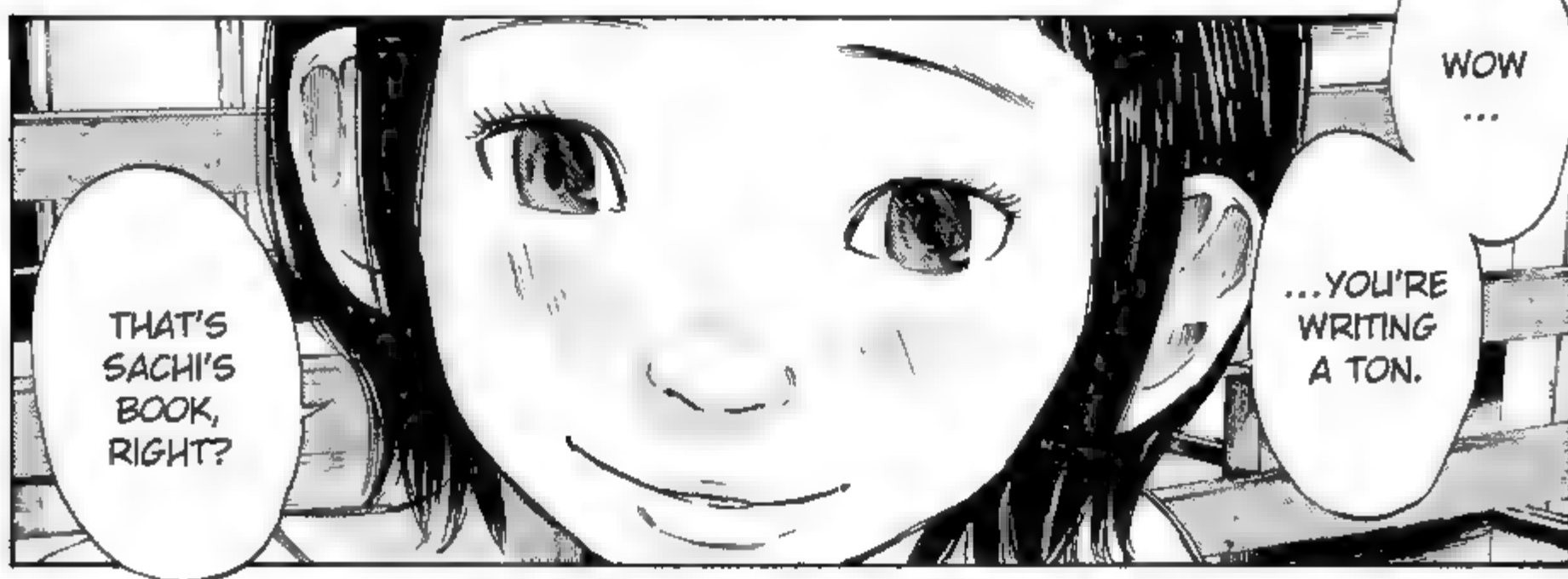
I thought that, whatever happened, I had to protect her.

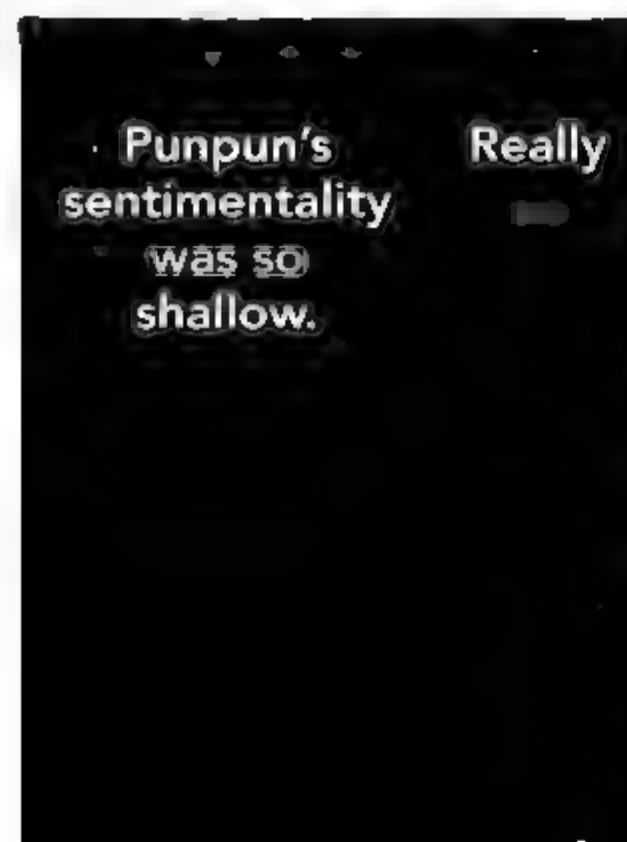
I was just convinced that she was my fate.

There was no reason for it.

"...to these stupid stories." Punpun felt like crying.

"There is no end..."







...brought
Punpun
back to
reality in a
hurry.

The
relentless
rain...

She
really,
really
is.

Kanie is
a very
serious,
nice
person...

...DO YOU
WANT TO
GO SOME-
WHERE?

WHEN THE
WEATHER'S
BETTER...





And
she's a
virgin...



Recalling
that fact
made
Punpun...



Punpun
sensed
something
was about
to happen.

A
strange
moment
passed.



...inadvertently
aroused again.



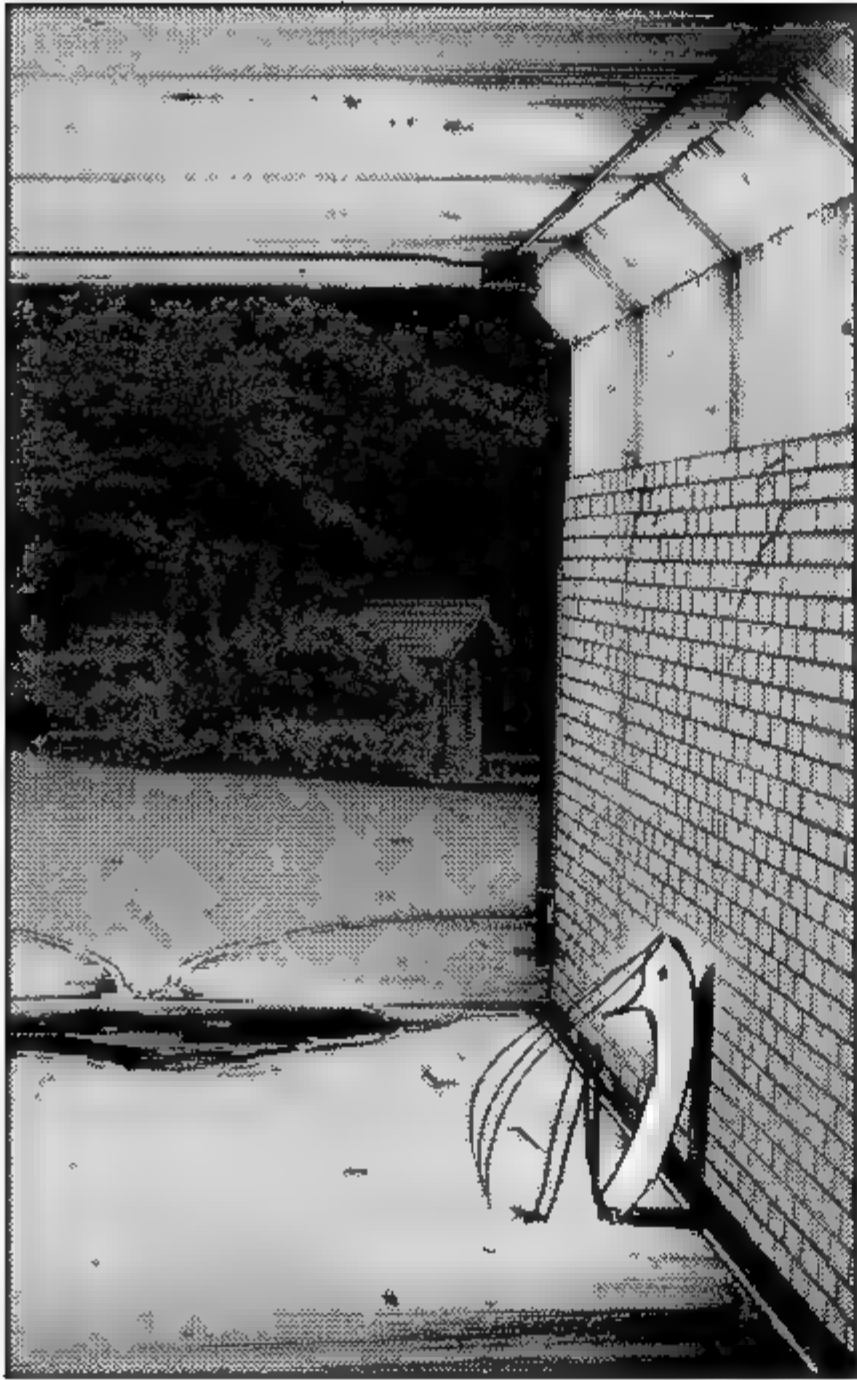
MY MOM
WORRIES
IF I'M OUT
TOO LATE.



OKAY

I'M
GOING
TO GO
HOME











...Punpun
said as
calmly as
he could.

"I think we
should spend
a little more
time together
now..."





That
word...

...kept
running
through
Punpun's
mind.



His senses
had become very
acute during the
long silence, and
he very vividly
experienced
Kanie's breath,
body heat
and smell.





...the
more his
mind filled
with that
word. Slit.

The
more he
thought
about
needing
to say
some-
thing...

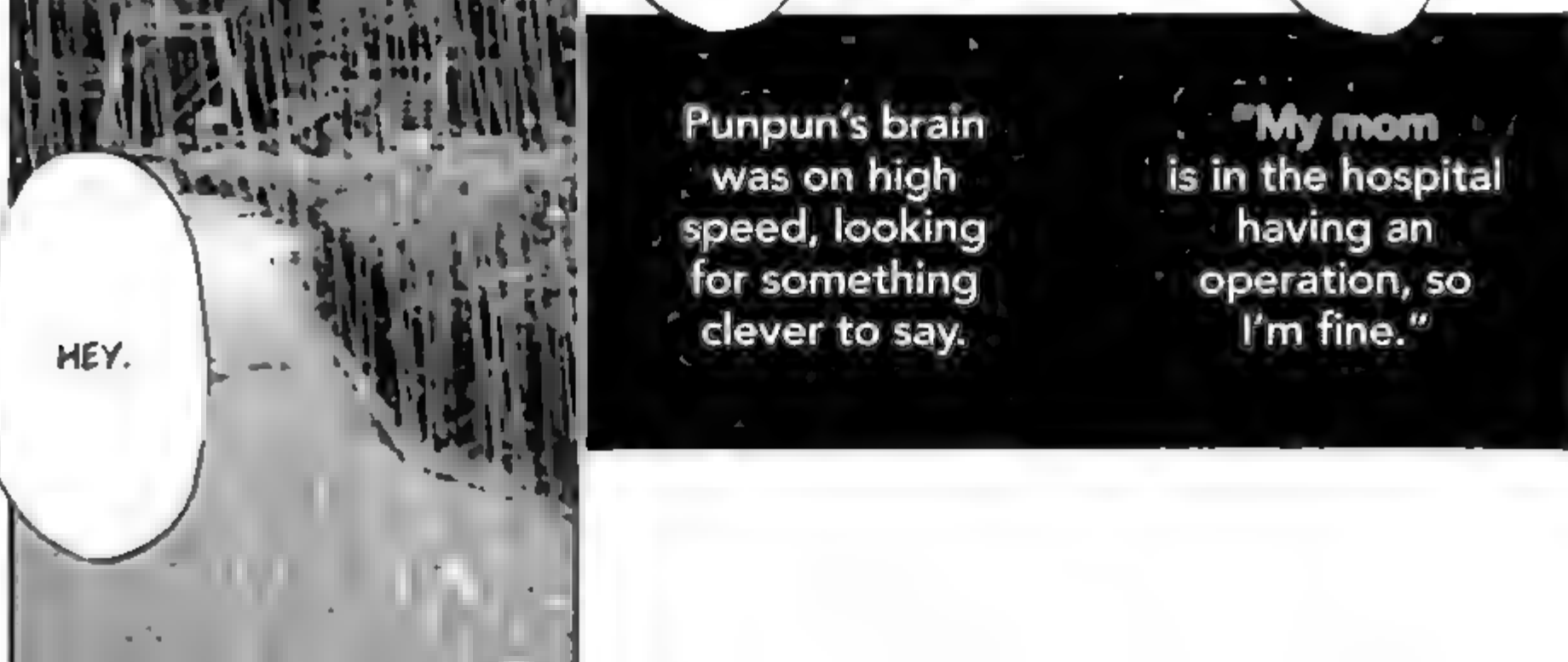


WHAT
...?

YOUR
MOM WILL
WORRY
TOO,
ONODERA.

I
THINK
I'LL GET
GOING
...

IT'S
STARTING
TO GET
COLD.



HEY.

Punpun's brain
was on high
speed, looking
for something
clever to say.

"My mom
is in the hospital
having an
operation, so
I'm fine."



WHY DIDN'T
YOU SAY
SOMETHING?

ONODERA...



YOU
SHOULDN'T
BE OUT
PLAYING.

IF YOUR
MOM'S
HAVING
SURGERY

Punpun
wasn't sure
what Kanie
was getting
at.

"Whether I'm
there or not has
no bearing on
the outcome of
the surgery."



AREN'T
YOU
WORRIED?

I
MEAN

THAT'S
NOT THE
POINT.





BUT...

ERRRR...

...SHE'S
YOUR
MOM.

Honestly,
Punpun
didn't
know why
she would
say
something
like that.

"I don't
feel the
need to
worry."

What a
stupid
question,
Punpun
thought.

"Whether or not
we're related
doesn't change
the fact that we
are all separate
beings."



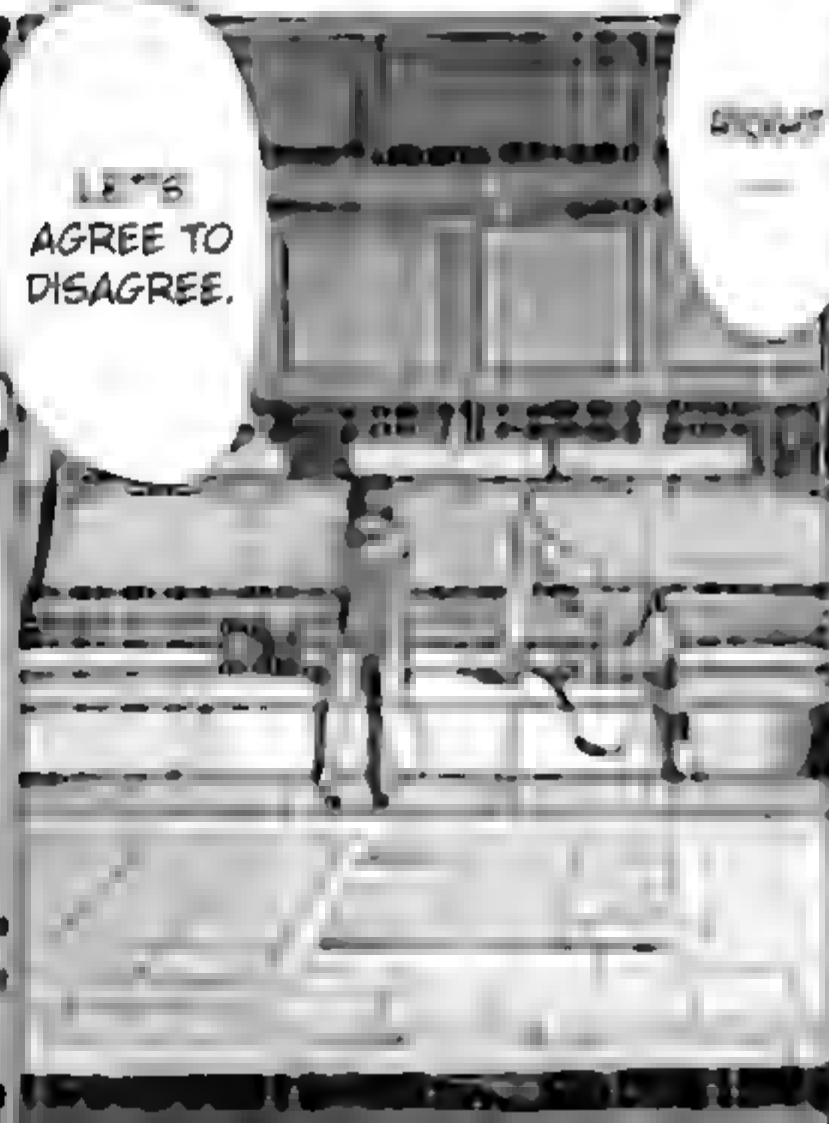
THAT'S
JUST
WRONG.

YOU SHOULD
USE YOUR
BRAIN AND
THINK AGAIN.

HEY,
ONODERA
...



"How about you?
I question your
ability to see
things outside
your own point
of view."



LET'S
AGREE TO
DISAGREE.

END



YOU STOPPED ME FROM GOING HOME, BUT YOU WON'T SAY ANYTHING.

ONODERA, WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ...?

I'M REALLY SENSITIVE TO THE COLD.



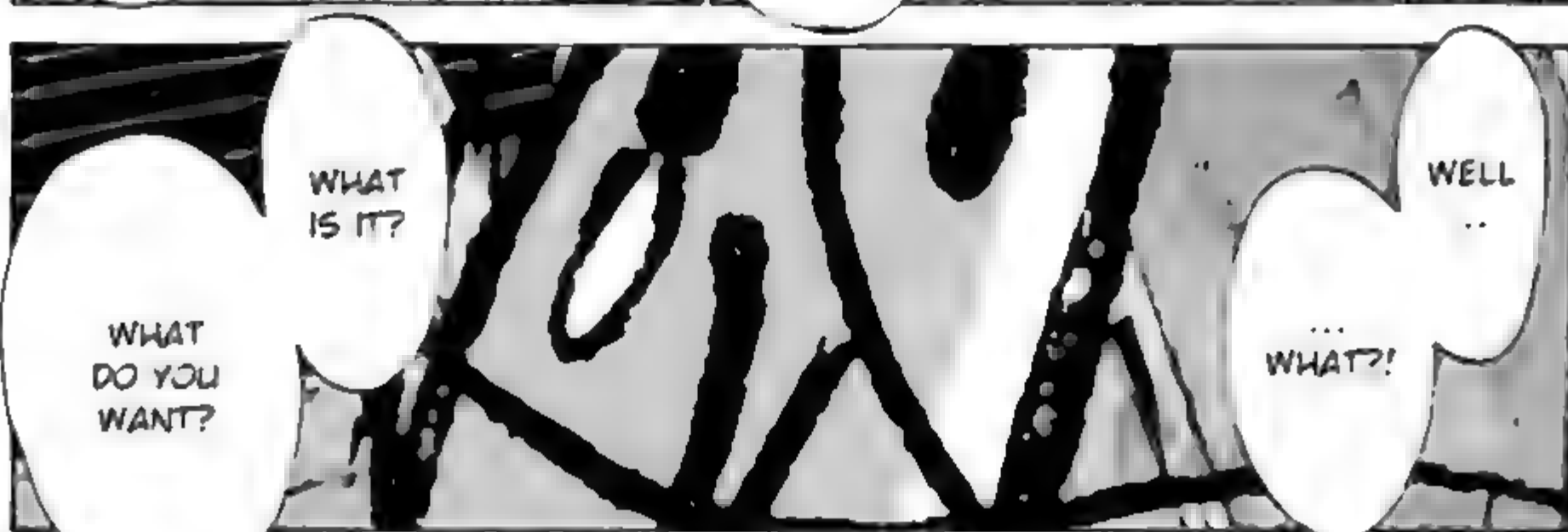
SO...

Suddenly, Punpun's knees were shaking.



I'M SORRY TO HAVE OFFENDED YOU.

...WERE YOU LOOKING AT MY SISTER'S PAINTING, THINKING IT WAS STUPID?



WHAT DO YOU WANT?

WHAT IS IT?

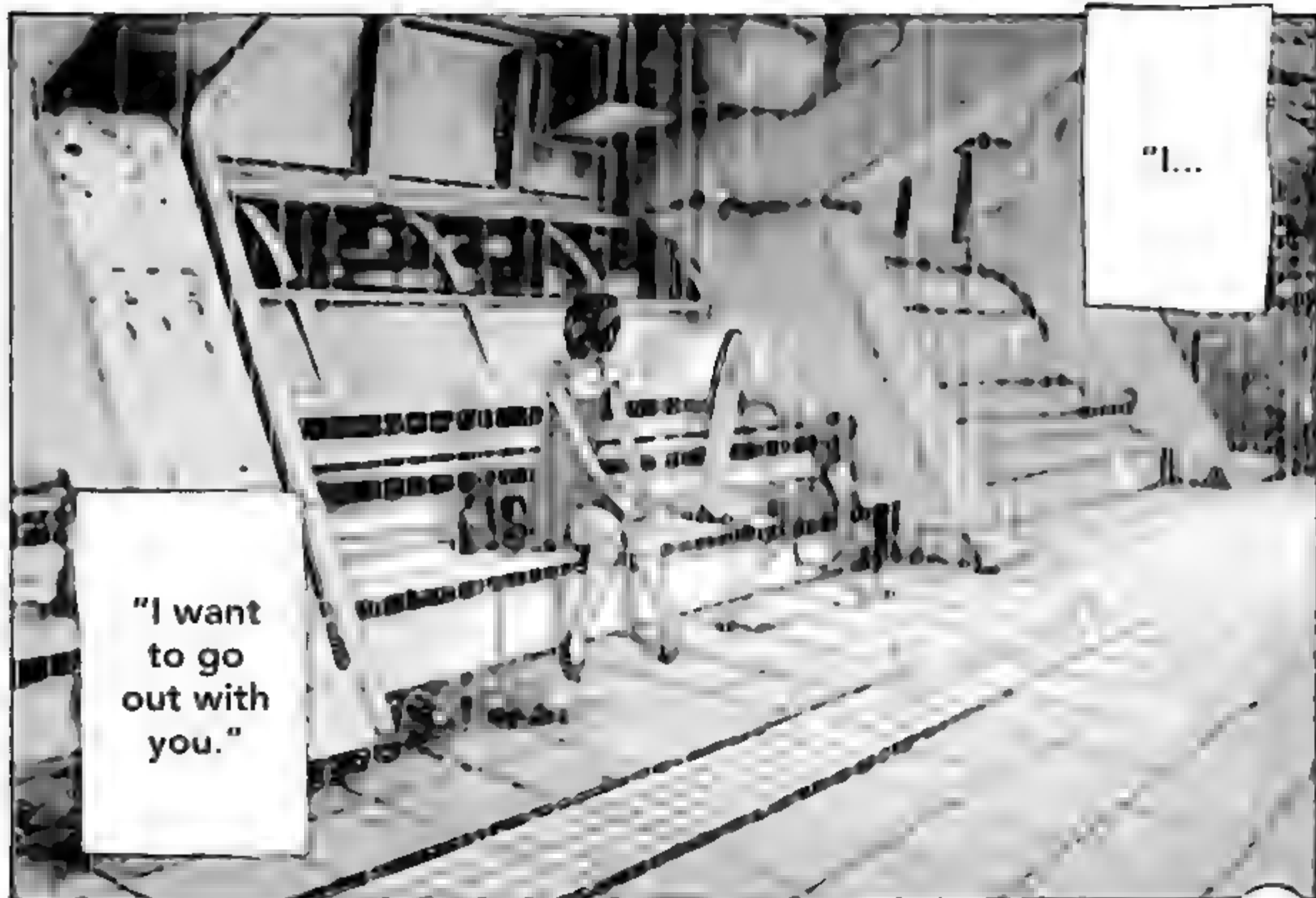
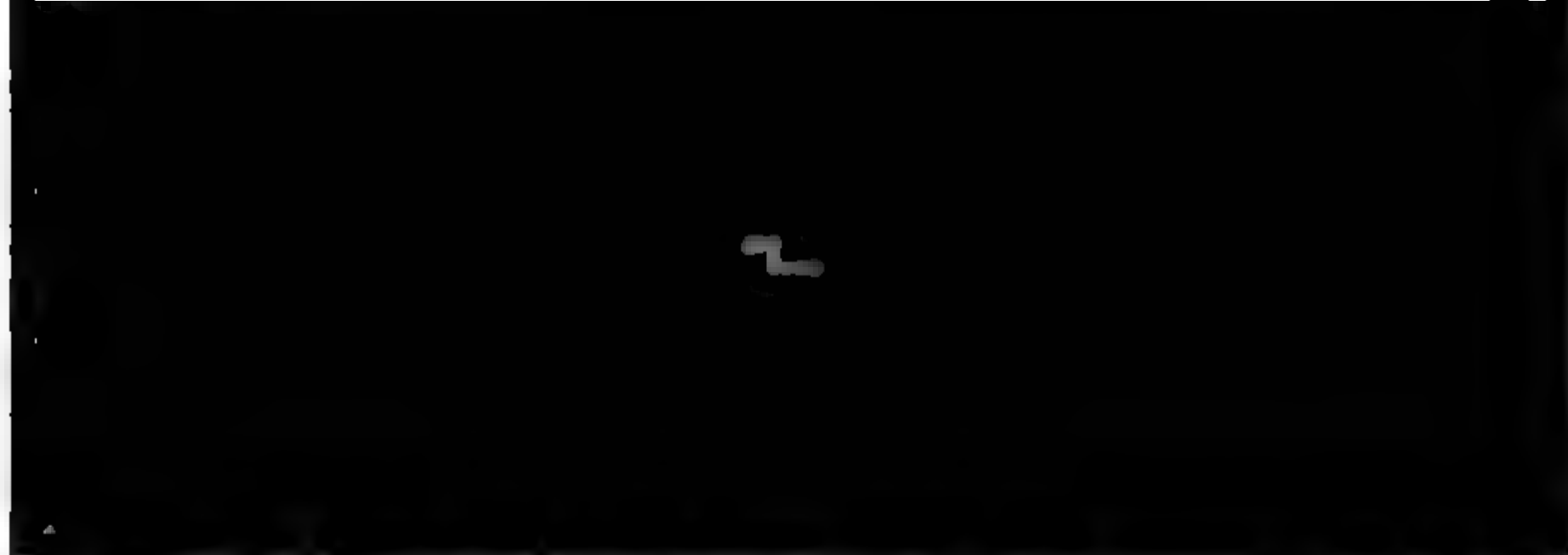
... WHAT?!

WELL ..



...JUST COME OUT AND SAY IT!

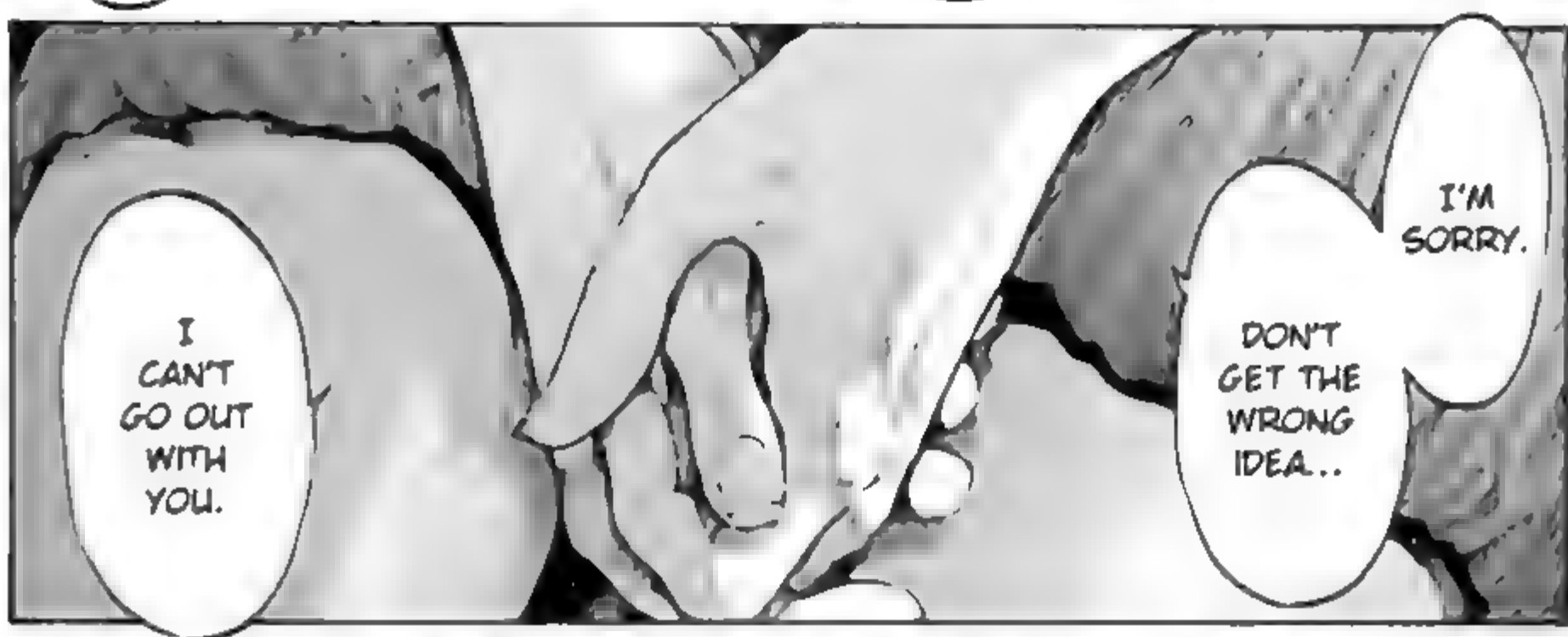
IF THERE'S SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SAY...



Punpun
felt like he
might piss
his pants.

Something's
not right.
Something's
not right.
Something's
not right...

HOW
CAN YOU
SAY THAT
NOW?





He didn't understand why every aspect of himself had just been so soundly negated.

Trying to get by without bothering anyone.

Punpun lived his life trying not to make waves.

...but Punpun couldn't hear a word of it.

Kanie continued to speak...

idiot.



out didn't
with you
Hiding
behind social
justice and
spewing
textbook
arguments
makes you
far more
conceited and
violent than
me.
Think
you
no
fight
What
want



don't
use
back
came and
a
Just a
second
ago, you
were all
hot and
wet.
Come
out
and say
it
Sia
to you
and you
think
a



He
got
the
gist.

Punpun
got it.

KISS
me!!

















...just
what
if...

What
if...

Punpun
didn't
know
how he'd
manage.

...and people
glared at him
and talked
about him
behind his
back and hid
his shoes...?



What if Kanie
blew things out of
proportion and told
everyone at school
what had happened
and Punpun got
labeled a savage prick
and an attempted
rapist...



...just
proved
that he
was a
total
shit.

So the
fact that
Punpun was
worrying
about
himself at
a time like
this...

...alone
in the
rain.

...letting
Kanie go
home...

Punpun
was sure
he'd regret
for the rest
of his life...

"Why
is it
always
like
this?"

Punpun
thought...

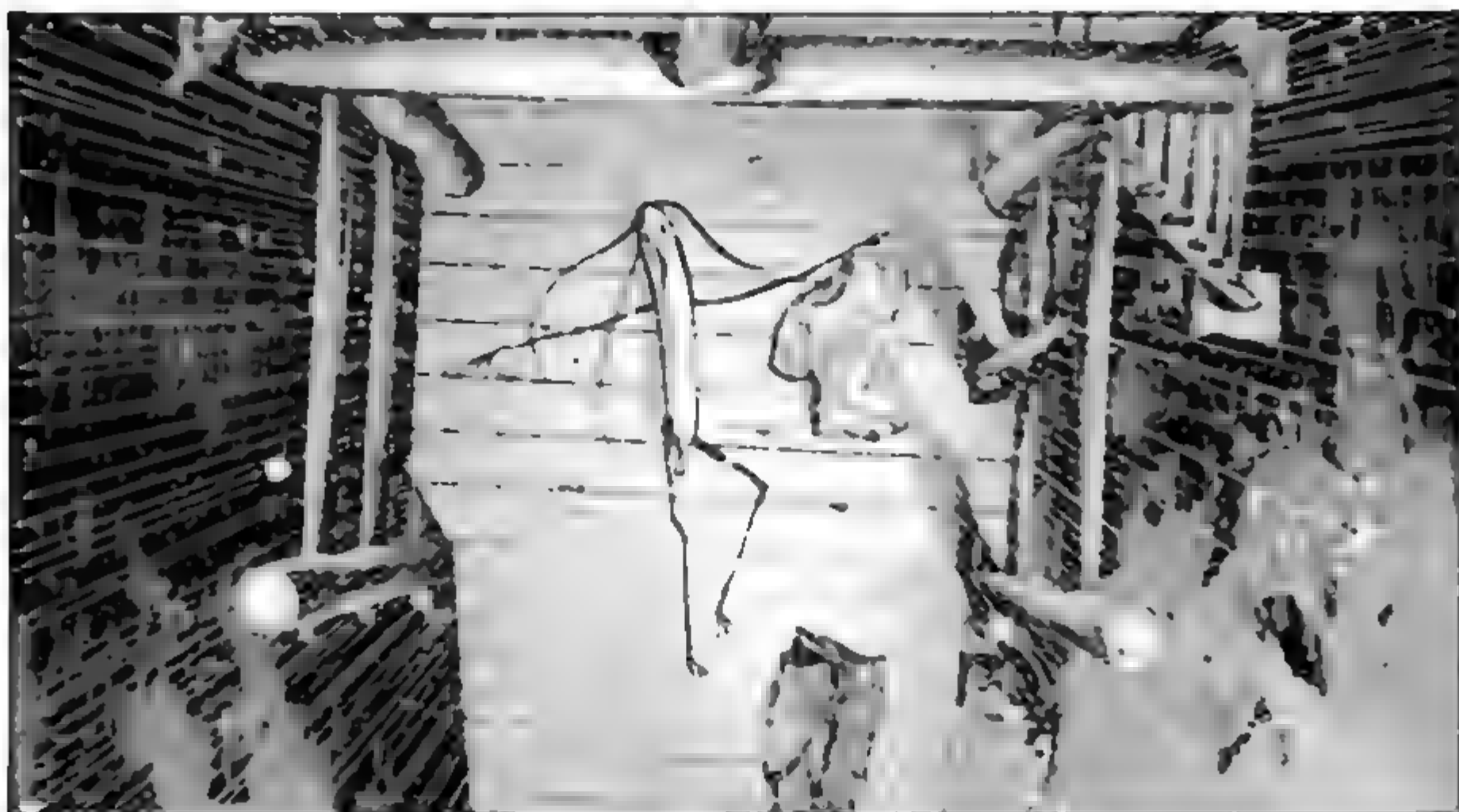
"You're a
very sad
person,
Onodera."

Kanie's
words
repeated
over
and
over...

CHEAK
CHEAK

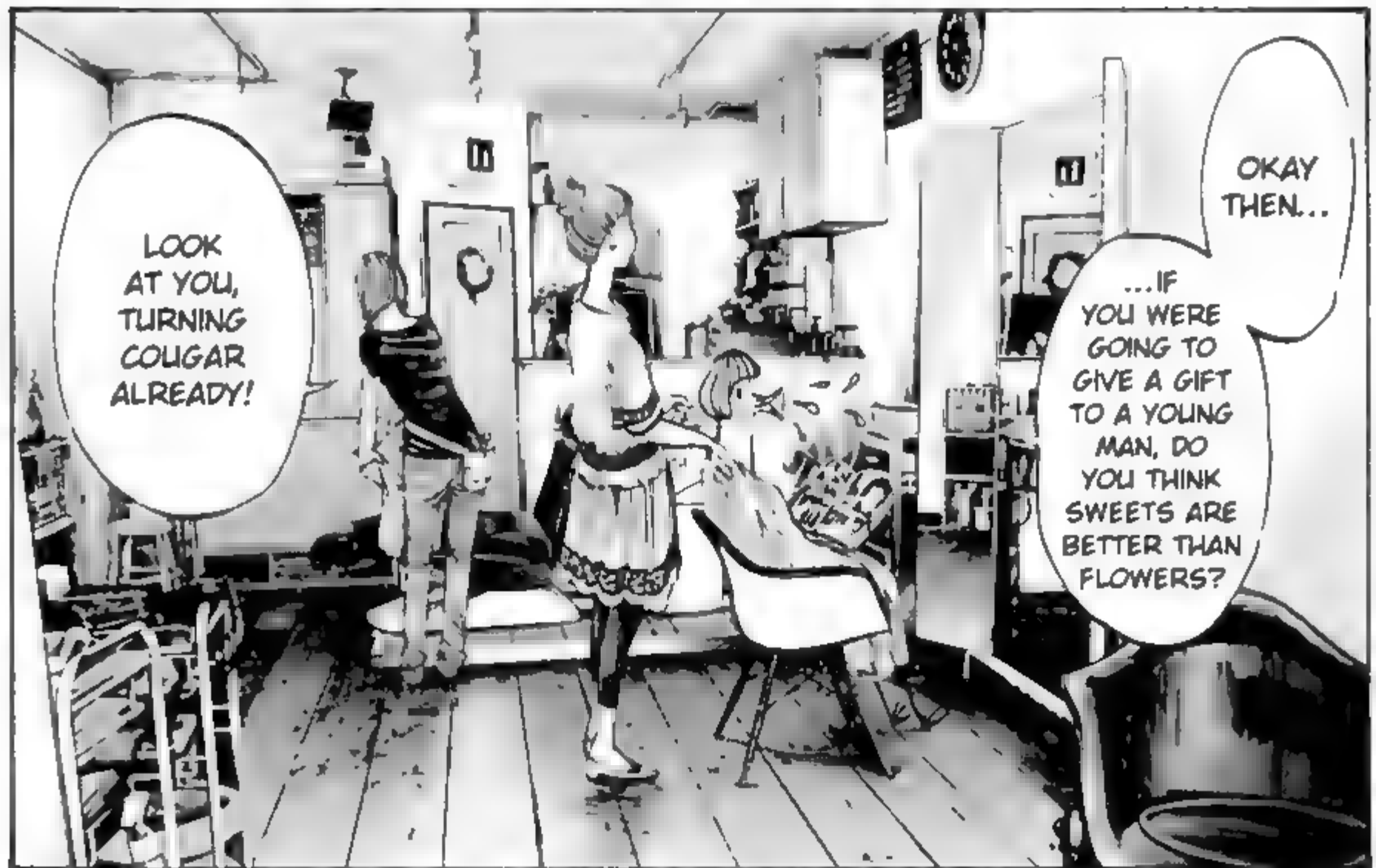


Come
over
here.



"...hurt
the people
I love?"

"Why do I
constantly..."





ANYWAY,
I'M BEING
DISCHARGED
TONIGHT.

CAN'T YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT I
WANTED TO
ENJOY THE
FREEDOM OF
NOT BEING
ATTACHED TO
AN I.V.?

DON'T BE
SUCH A
STICK-
IN-THE-
MUD.

...GET PER-
MISSION
BEFORE
YOU GO
OUT NEXT
TIME,
OKAY?

MS.
ONODERA...



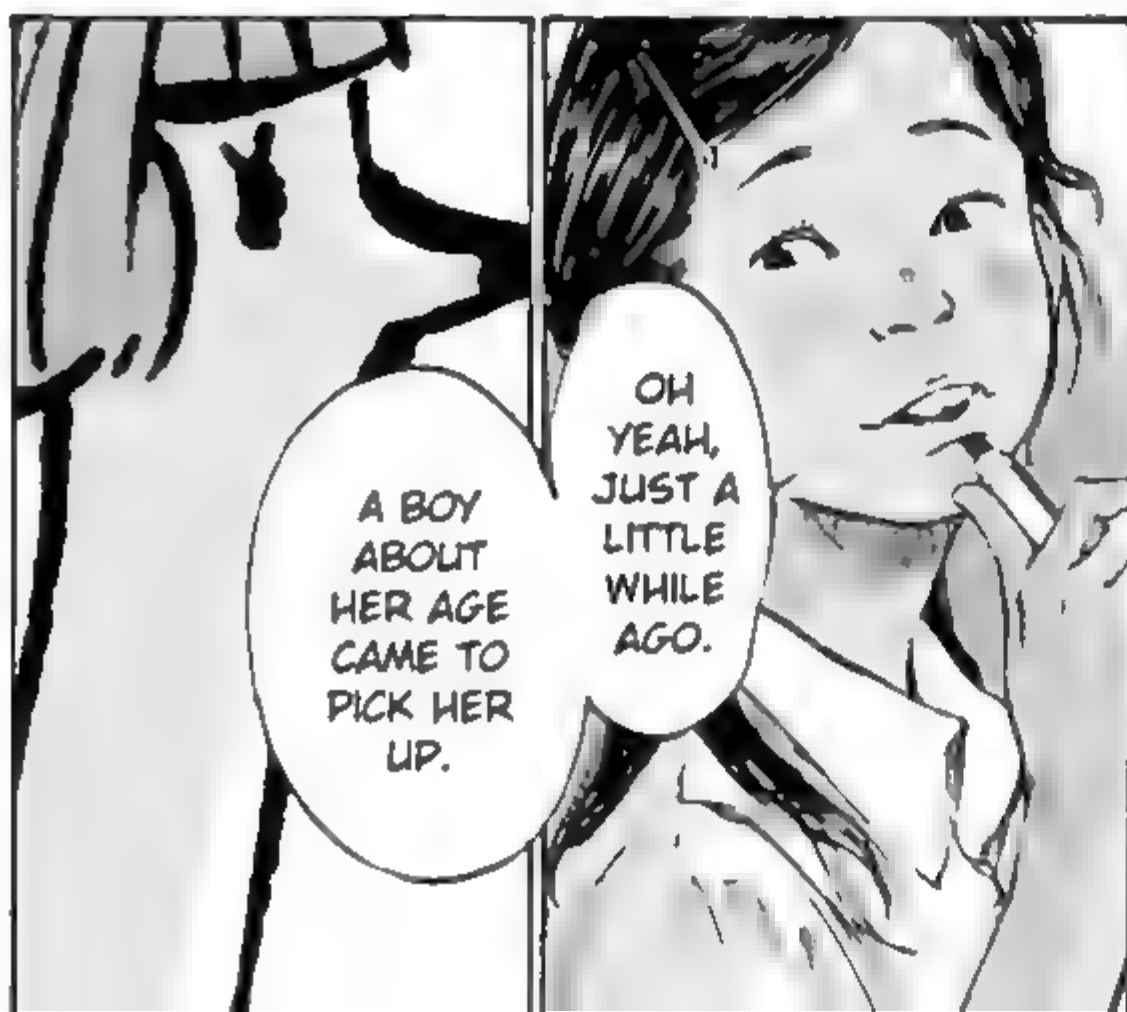
WAS SHE
RELEASED?

THE GIRL
IN THE BED
ACROSS
FROM ME...



OH...

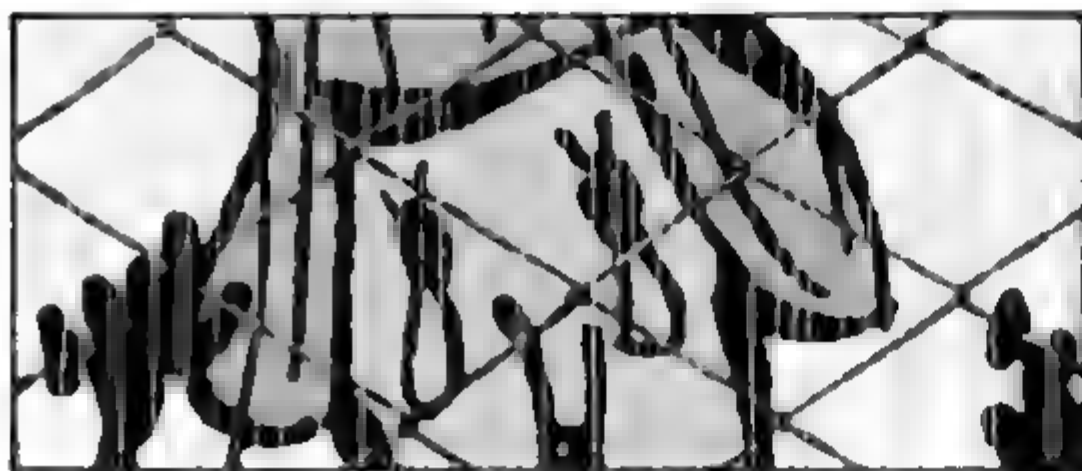
WHAT
NOW?

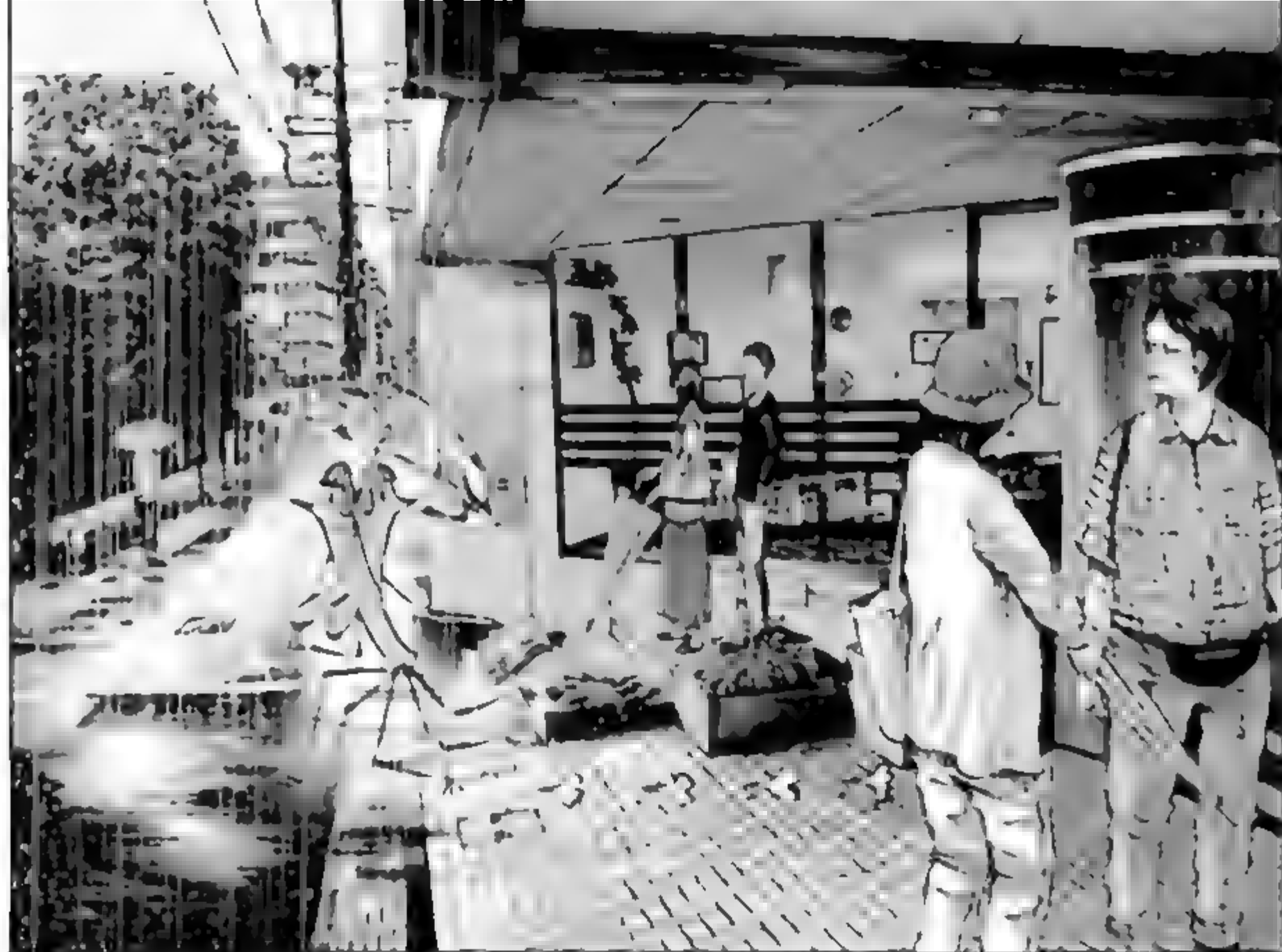


A BOY
ABOUT
HER AGE
CAME TO
PICK HER
UP.

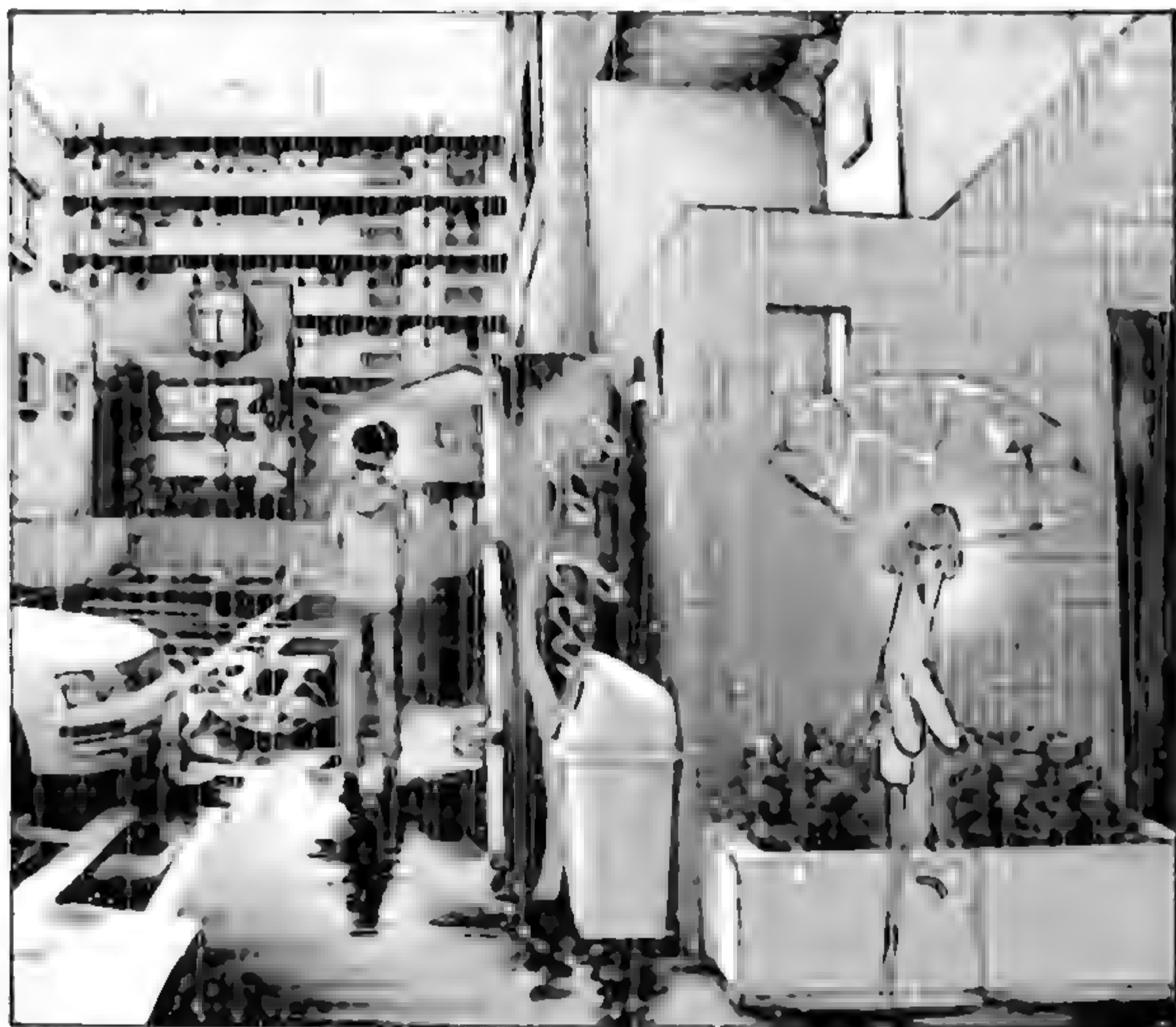
OH
YEAH,
JUST A
LITTLE
WHILE
AGO.

SHUNTARO?

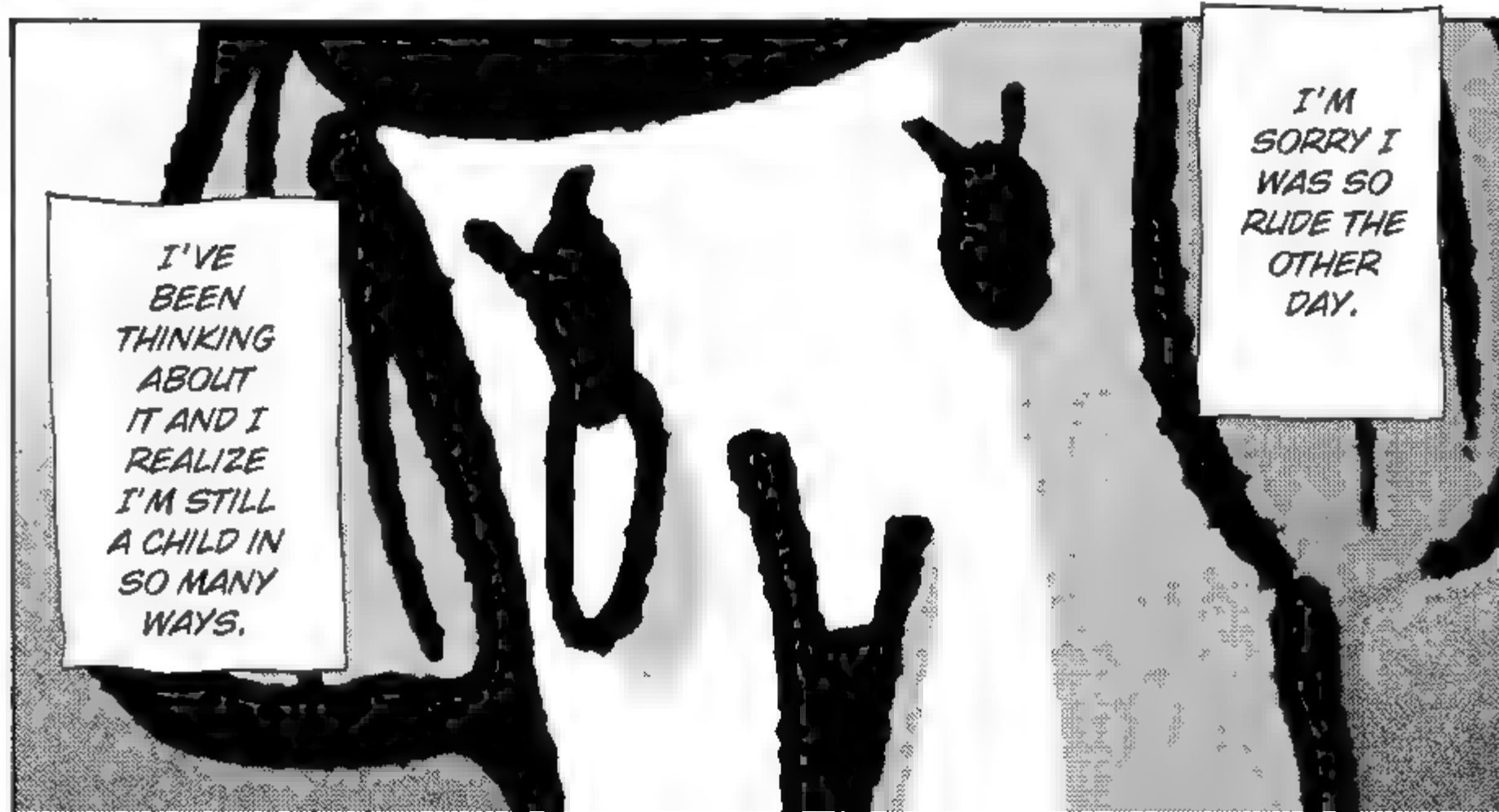
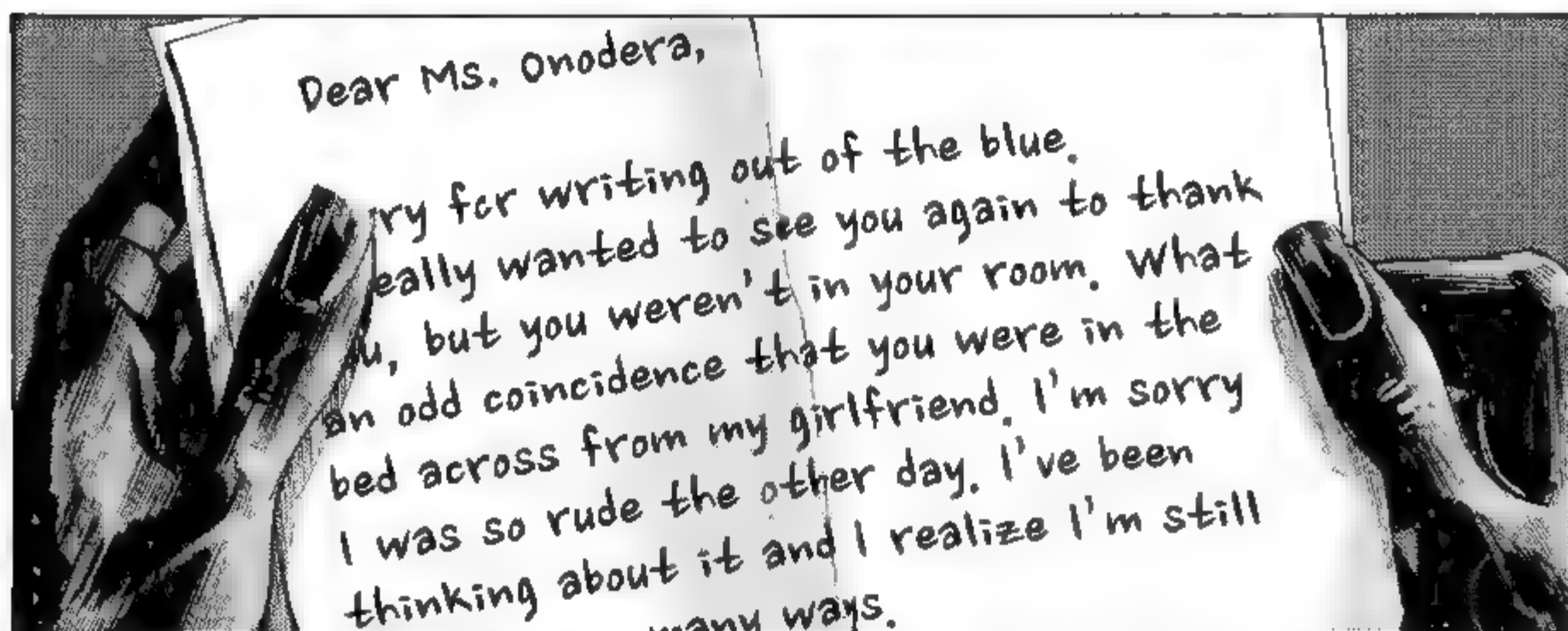
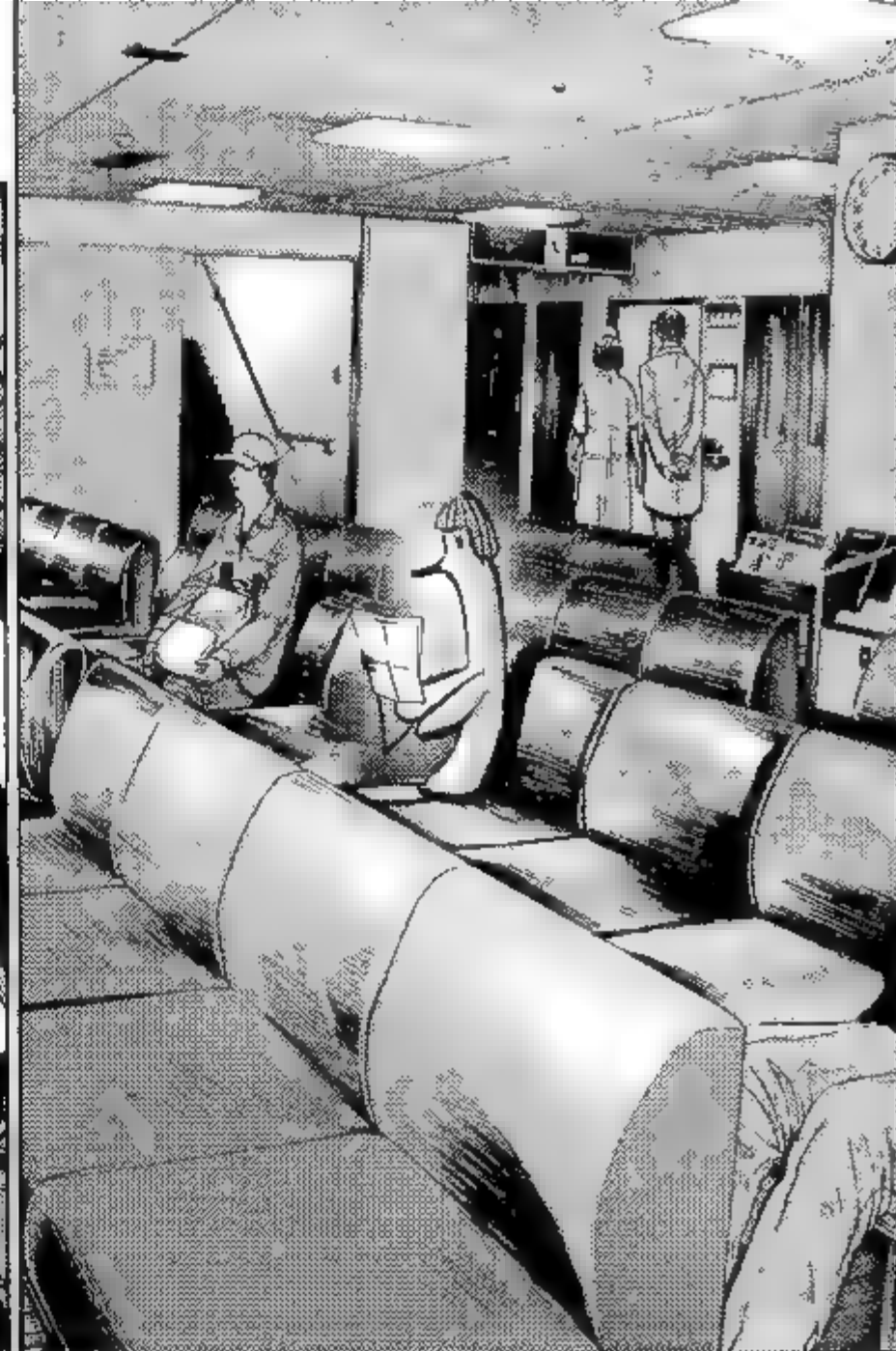
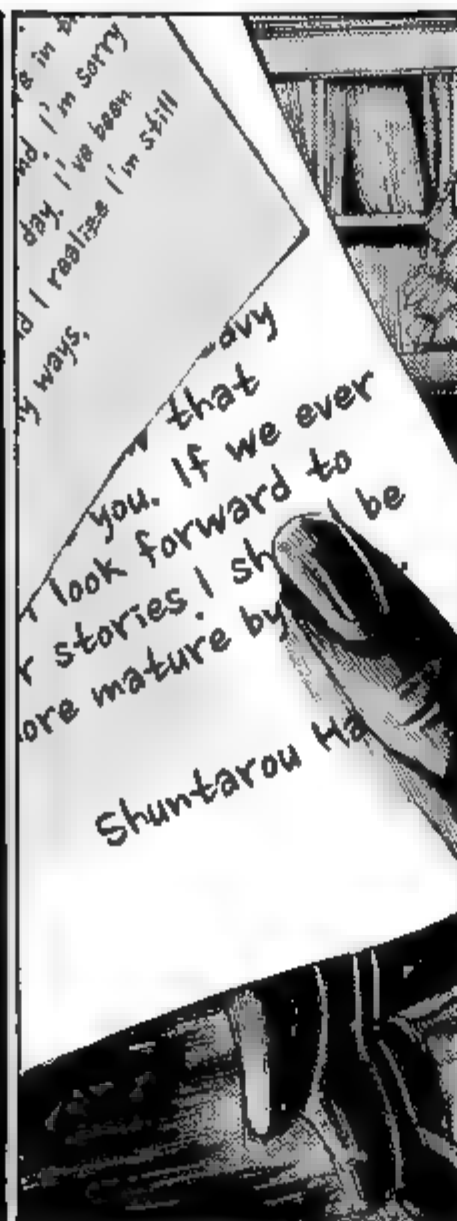












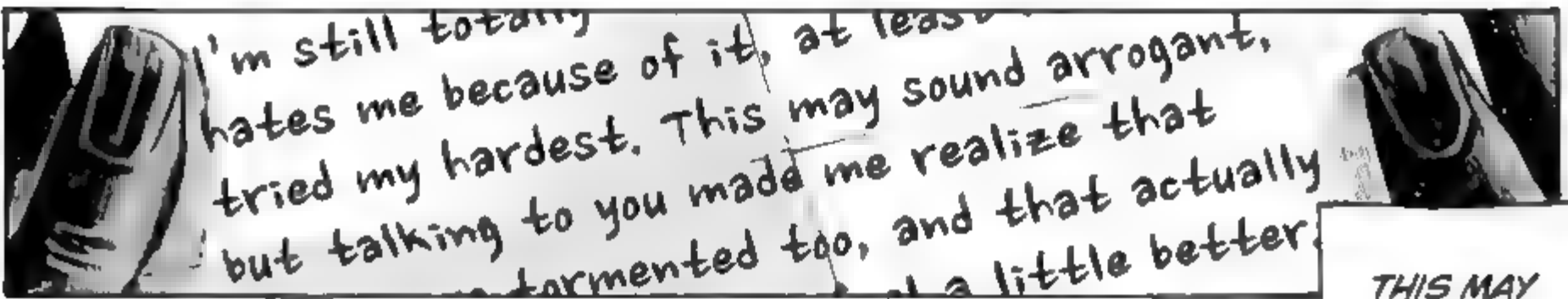
I'VE
BEEN
THINKING
ABOUT
IT AND I
REALIZE
I'M STILL
A CHILD IN
SO MANY
WAYS.

I'M
SORRY I
WAS SO
RUDE THE
OTHER
DAY.

I HAVEN'T
REACHED
ANY
CONCLU-
SIONS AND
I'M STILL
TOTALLY
LOST...

TODAY,
I PLAN TO
TELL HER
HOW I FEEL
AS
HONESTLY
AS I CAN.

...BUT
IF SHE
HATES ME
BECAUSE
OF IT, AT
LEAST I
TRIED MY
HARDEST.



OF
COURSE I
LOOK UP
TO STRONG
PEOPLE WHO
ARE FULL
OF CONFI-
DENCE...

...BUT I
FEEL LIKE I
CAN REALLY
TRUST
SOMEONE
WHO CAN BE
OPEN ABOUT
THEIR
VULNER-
ABILITIES.



THIS MAY
SOUND
ARROGANT,
BUT TALK-
ING TO YOU
MADE ME
REALIZE...

...THAT
ADULTS ARE
TORMENTED
TOO, AND
THAT
ACTUALLY
MADE ME
FEEL A LITTLE
BETTER.

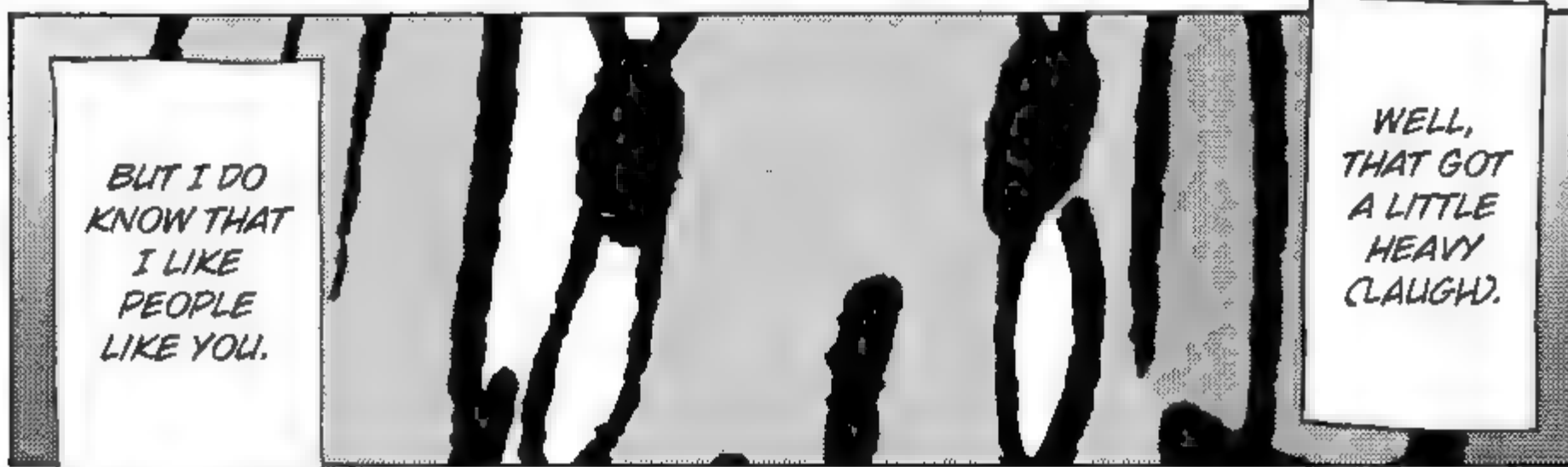


I THINK
THERE'S A
FAR MORE
PASSIONATE
WAY TO
LIVE THAN
BEING
SATISFIED...

PEOPLE
CHANGE.
THEY AGE,
AND THEIR
CIRCUM-
STANCES
CHANGE.

...WITH A
SINGLE
PATH OR
TORTURING
YOURSELF IN
THE PURSUIT
OF THAT
ONE RIGHT
ANSWER...

I DON'T
THINK
THERE HAS
TO BE ONE
ANSWER
FOR HOW
TO LIVE.



BUT I DO
KNOW THAT
I LIKE
PEOPLE
LIKE YOU.

WELL,
THAT GOT
A LITTLE
HEAVY
(LAUGH).



HUH?
...

MS.
ONODERA.

YOU
NEED
TO HOLD
YOUR
BREATH.

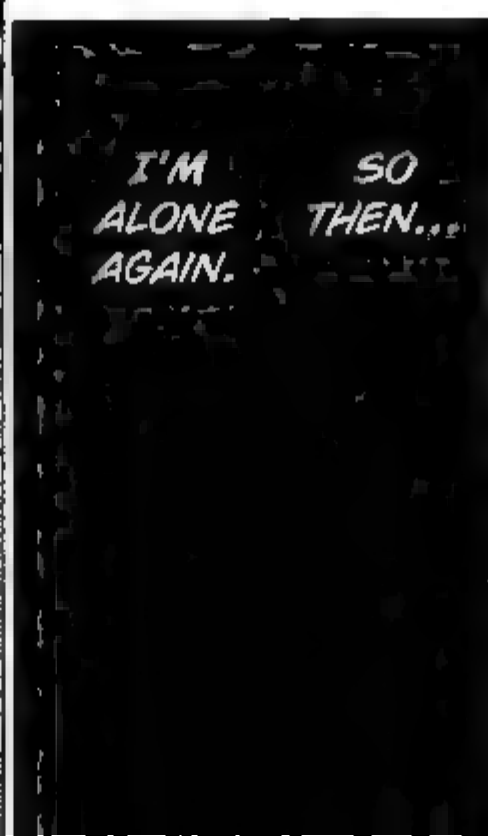


...YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND
AT ALL.

YOU
DON'T
UNDER-
STAND...

SHUT
UP,
SHUT
UP...

SH...



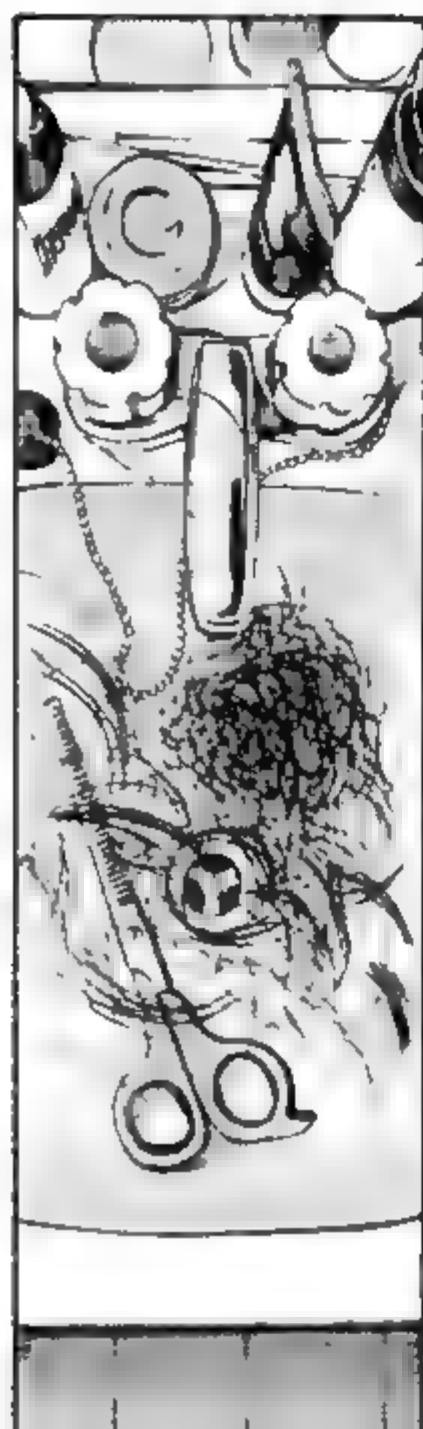
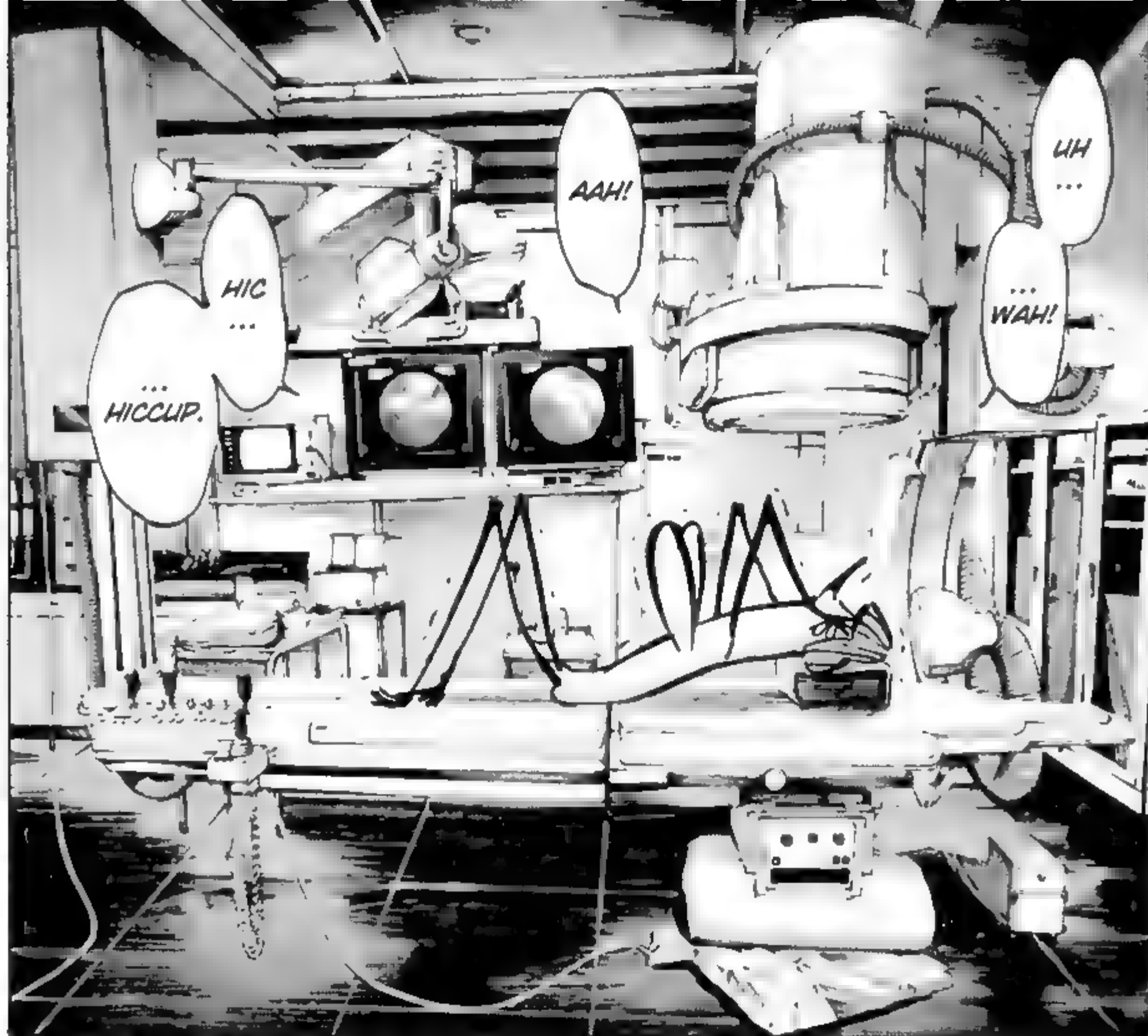
I'M
ALONE
AGAIN.

SO
THEN...



OKAY,
HOLD
YOUR
BREATH,
PLEASE.

RADIOLOGY
放射線
診断科
レントゲン室



I SHOULD
BE A LITTLE
MORE
MATURE
BY THEN.
(LAUGH)



IF WE
EVER MEET
AGAIN,
I LOOK
FORWARD
TO HEARING
YOUR
STORIES.



HOW
ARE
YOU?

I'M
HOME.

OH,
YOU
CUT
YOUR
HAIR...

WHAT A
COINCI-
DENCE. I
GOT MINE
DONE
TOO.



I GUESS A
TEENAGE BOY
IS HAPPY AS
LONG AS HIS
STOMACH
IS FULL.
HEE HEE!

WAIT,
WHAT DO
YOU LIKE
TO EAT?



I HAVEN'T
BEEN TO
THE GROCERY
STORE IN
FOREVER, SO
I BOUGHT
LOADS OF
STUFF.

IT'LL
BE FUN
TO HAVE
A RELAX-
ING HOME-
COOKED MEAL
EVERY ONCE
IN A WHILE,
DON'T YOU
THINK?



HOW ABOUT
A
"WEL-
COME
HOME"
?!

SAY
SOME-
THING,
YOU
LITTLE
SHIT!

MY
GIRLFRIEND
SAYS "MS.
ONODERA IS
NICE" TOO.

P.S. PLEASE
TRY TO GET
ALONG WITH
YOUR SON.

I...

...REALLY
AM AN
IDIOT.

OH...

...
AARGH!







I WAS
ENVELOPED
IN A WHITE
LIGHT.

THAT'S
RIGHT, AND
I WOULDN'T
OBJECT TO
CALLING IT
GOD

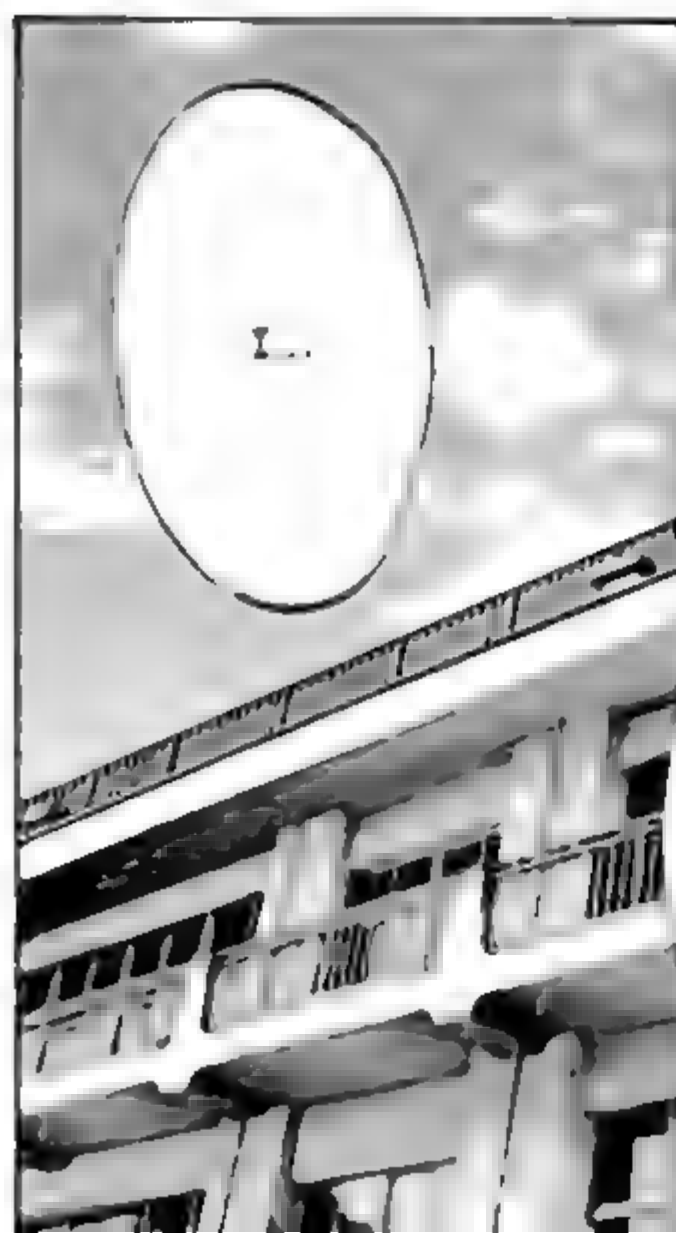
I DON'T
CARE IF
YOU DON'T
BELIEVE...

... WHAT
HAPPENED
LAST
NIGHT.



IT SAID,
"ARE YOU
HAPPY WITH
THE WAY
YOU ARE?"

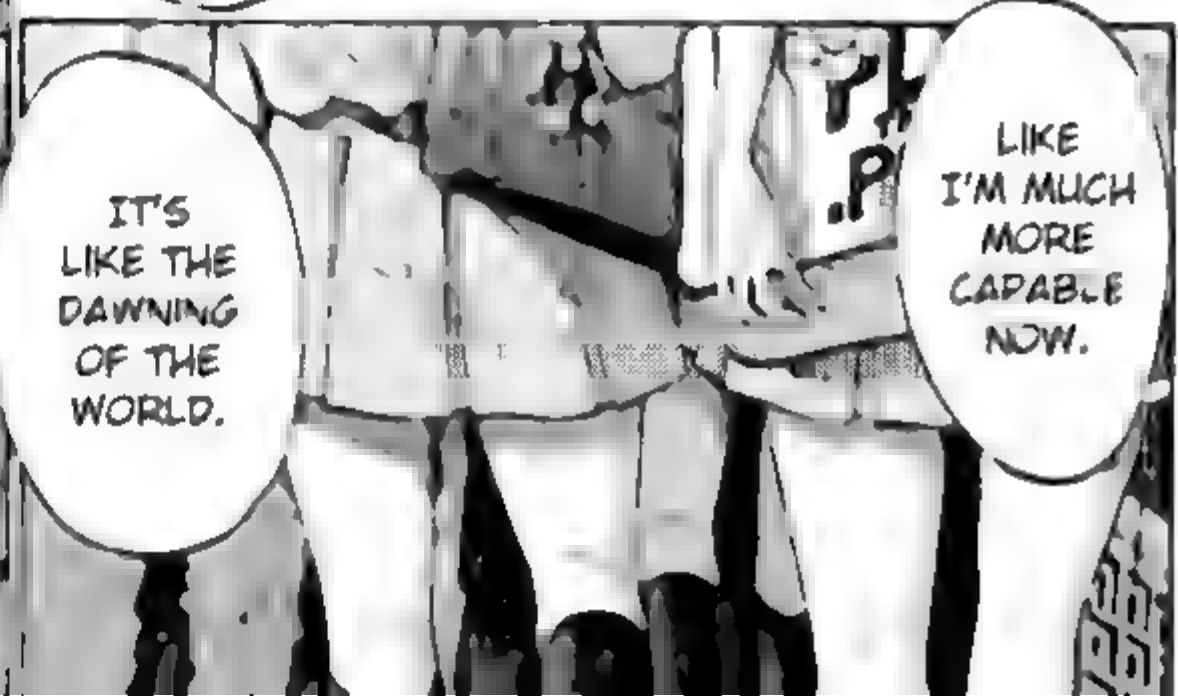
I
HEARD A
VOICE...



I...



I FEEL
REBORN.



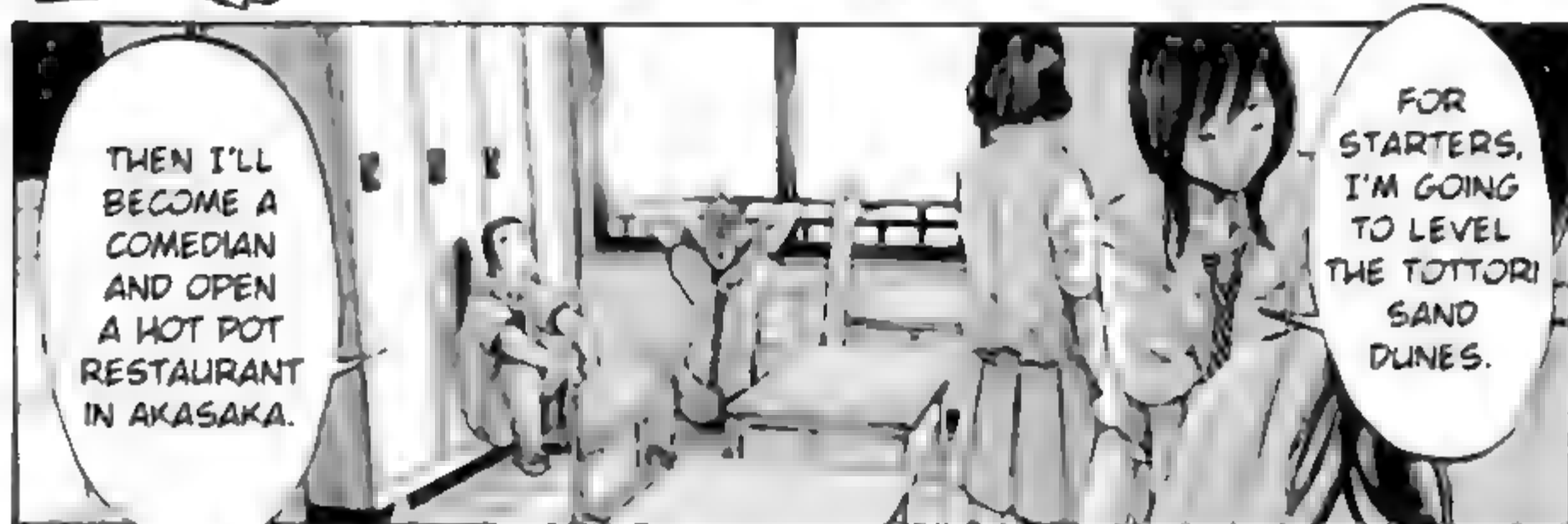
IT'S
LIKE THE
DAWNING
OF THE
WORLD.

LIKE
I'M MUCH
MORE
CAPABLE
NOW.



WHA-
CHA!

I'M
GOING
TO DO
SOME-
THING
HUGE!



THEN I'LL
BECOME A
COMEDIAN
AND OPEN
A HOT POT
RESTAURANT
IN AKASAKA.

FOR
STARTERS,
I'M GOING
TO LEVEL
THE TOTTORI
SAND
DUNES.



I CAN'T
RELATE
AT ALL,
BUT
HANG IN
THERE.

YEAH
...

...HOW
LOW DID
YOU RANK
ON THE
FINALS?

SO,
MIMURA
...

ABOUT 15
FROM THE
BOTTOM, I
THINK.



...HOW ABOUT WE GET SOME HOTTIES AT THE BEACH THIS SUMMER?

HEY, ONOTTL...

IF WE DON'T GET ON IT, OUR YOUTH WILL BE GONE.



ALL OF A SUDDEN ...

...IT'S SUMMER.



WHAT ?!

I DID NOT.

...YOU JUST LOOKED UP MY SKIRT, DIDN'T YOU?

HEY, MIMURA ...



HEY, HEY...

...WAIT A MINUTE, MISSY.

DID YOU COME HERE EVEN THOUGH IT'S OUT OF YOUR DISTRICT SO YOU COULD ESCAPE YOUR PAST?

IS IT TRUE THAT YOU WERE THE CLASS SERF IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MIMURA?



I SAW YOU WALKING WITH AN OLD GUY IN AN EXPENSIVE SUIT THE OTHER DAY...

HEY

YOUR DESPERATE ATTEMPTS TO MAKE A SPLASH IN HIGH SCHOOL ARE TOTALLY PATHETIC...

...ESPECIALLY BECAUSE YOU'RE FAILING SO COMPLETELY

YOU...
YOU
SLUTTY
SLUT
SLUT!



DISGUSTING.

YOU'RE DISGUSTING.

UGH, YOU JUST MADE THAT UP.



MAN SIGN!

YOU

YOU CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO UNDERSTAND HOW I FEEL!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH LIVING WITH PASSION?

GYA
HA!

Acting
tough,
bragging

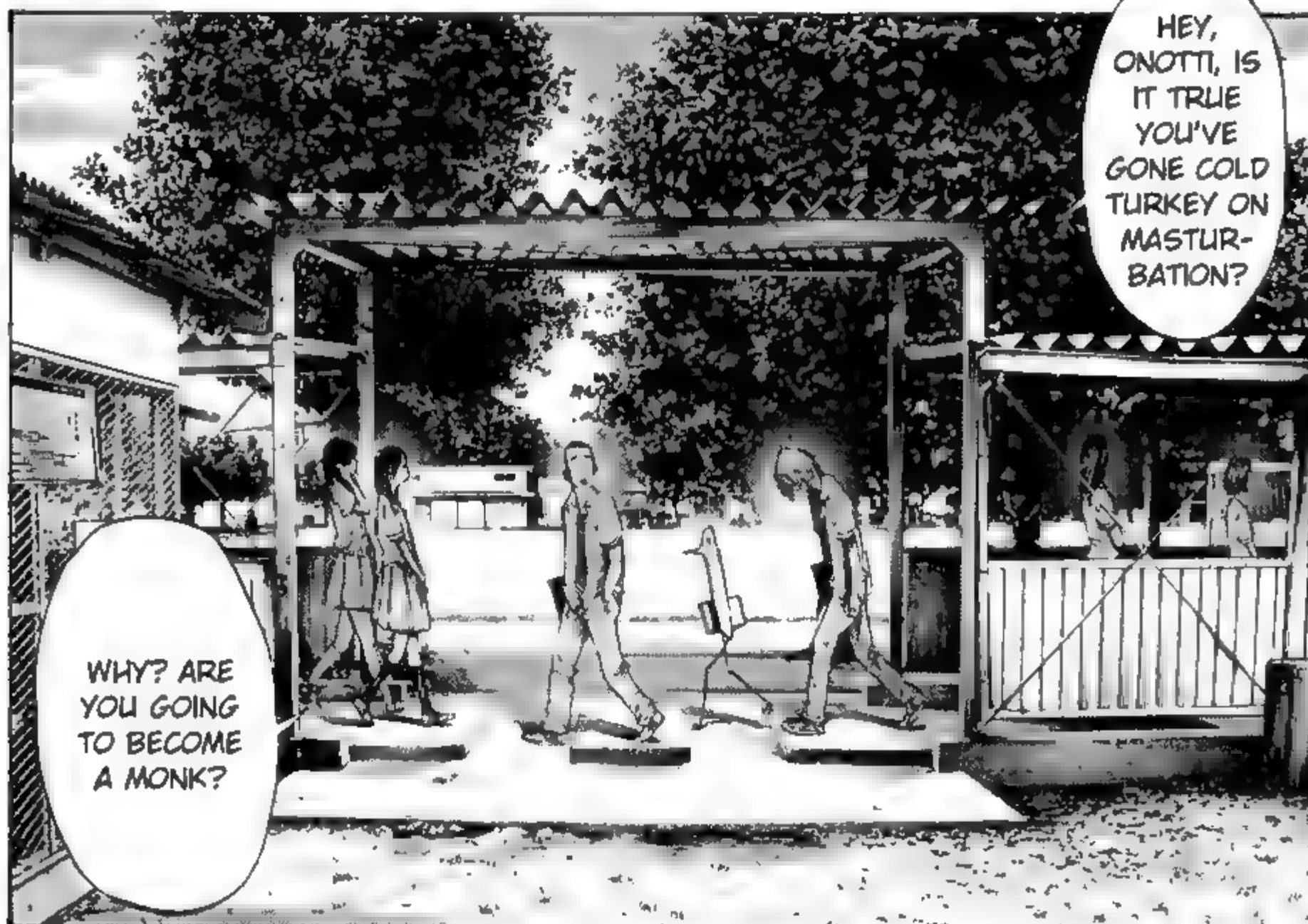
...saying
things you
shouldn't,
not being
able to say
things you
should...

It's all
just a
hassle,
Punpun
thought.

YEAR 1 CLASS B #5 PUNPUN ONODERA			
	POINTS	DEVIATION	RANKING
OVERALL	426	45	242/252
JAPANESE	68	52	170/252
ANCIENT JAPANESE JT	49	46	228/252
MATHEMATICS	58	47	203/252
ENGLISH	31	43	248/252
WORLD HISTORY	19	43	247/252
	55	48	196/252
	72	56	112/252
	44	46	230/252
	30	45	236/252

...what
youth
was all
about.

Punpun
didn't
really
under-
stand...



WHY? ARE
YOU GOING
TO BECOME
A MONK?

HEY,
ONOTTI, IS
IT TRUE
YOU'VE
GONE COLD
TURKEY ON
MASTUR-
BATION?

Punpun
was
starting
to lose
the will
to live.

...seemed
almost
impossible.

"I was
so young
then, but
those
were
good
times"

When
he was
grown-up,
being able
to say...



OH.



IT'S
BEEN A
WHILE.

MORN-
ING...

...ONO-
DERA.





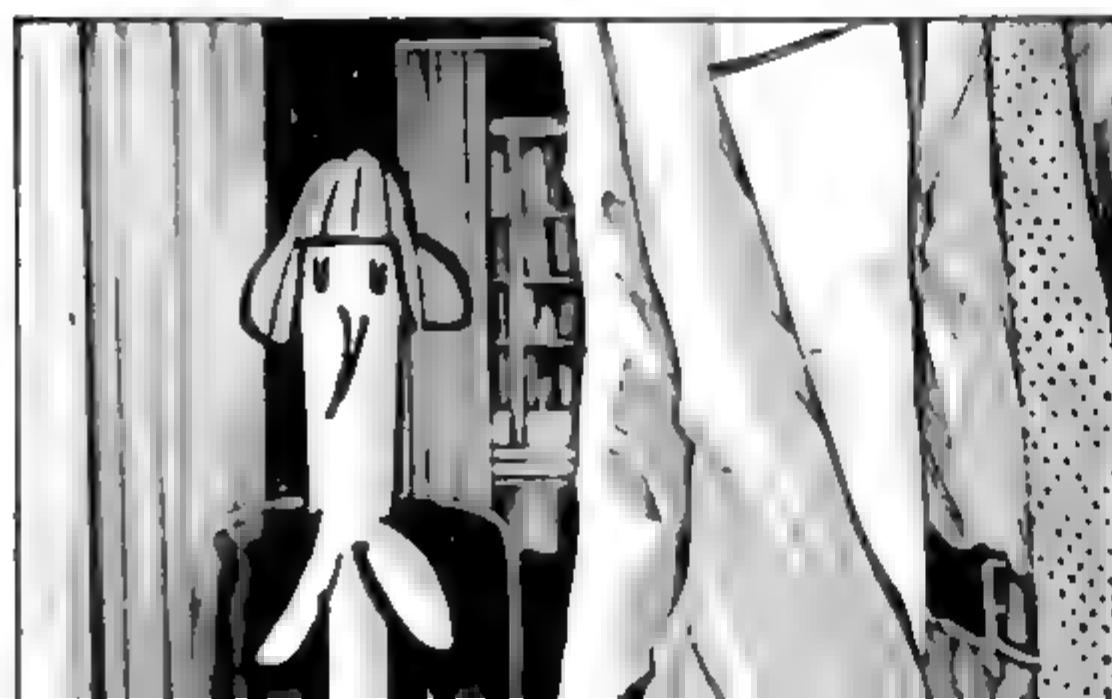
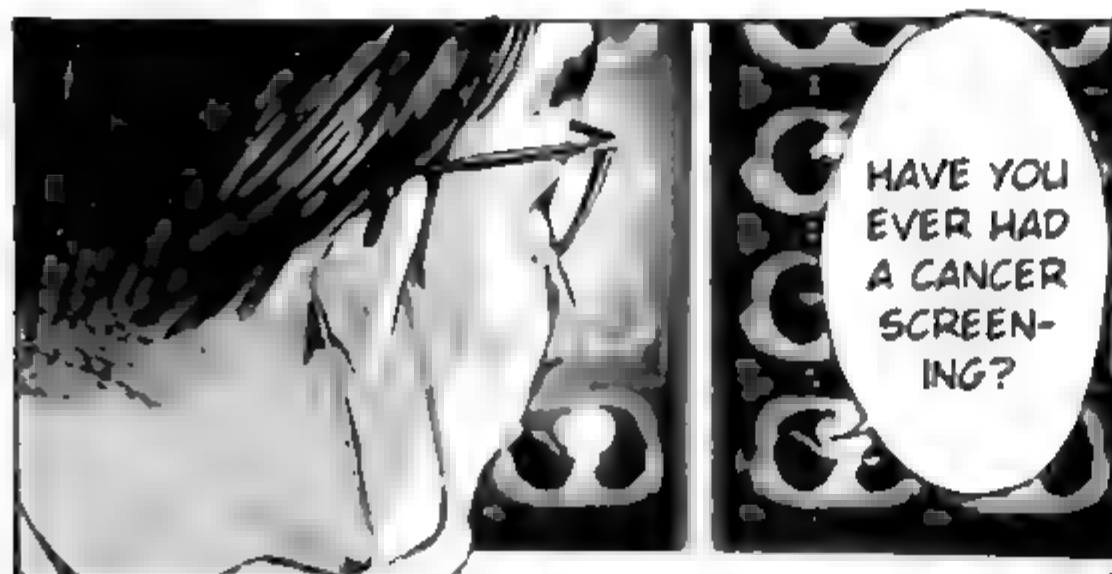
...any
shred of
confidence.

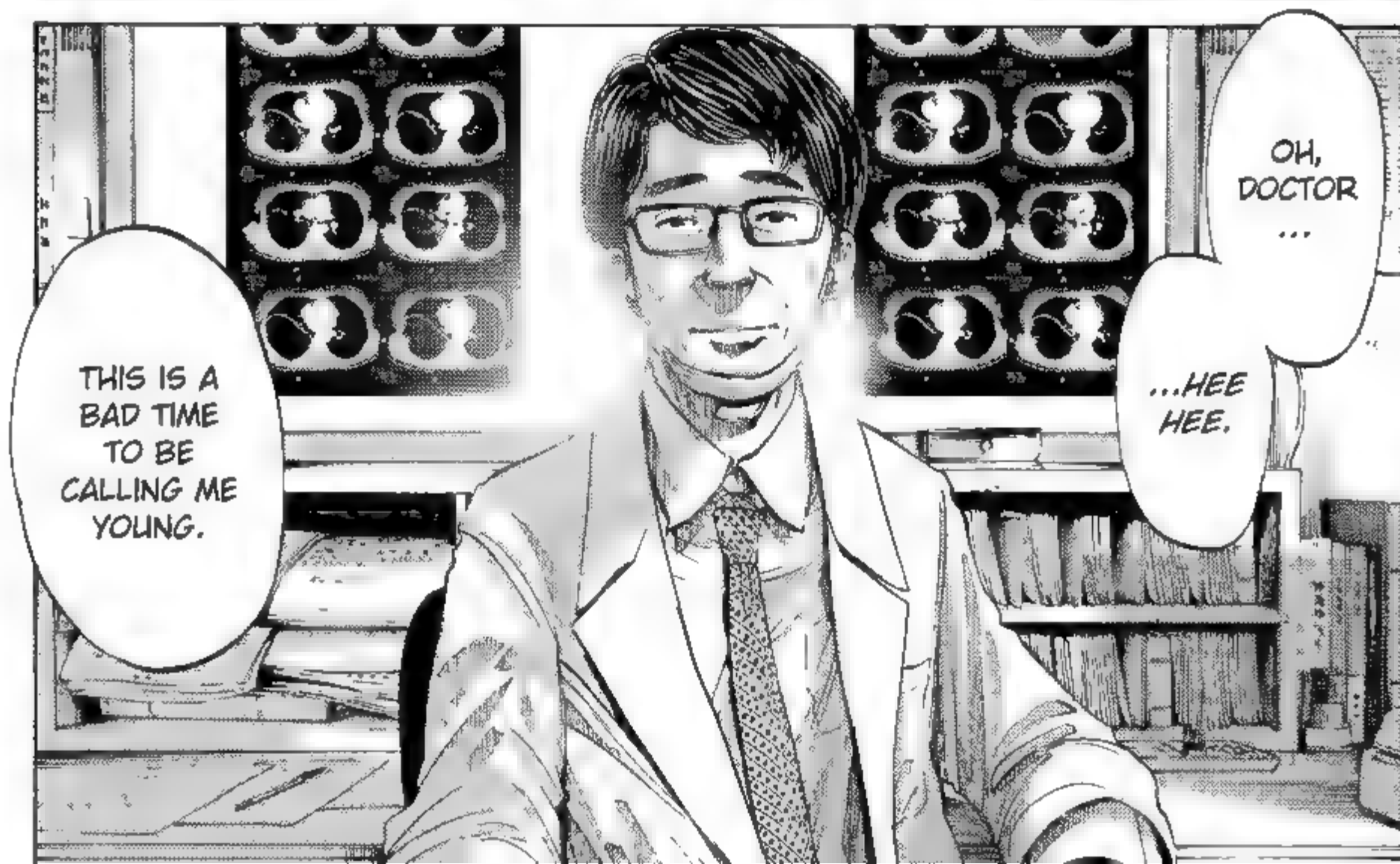
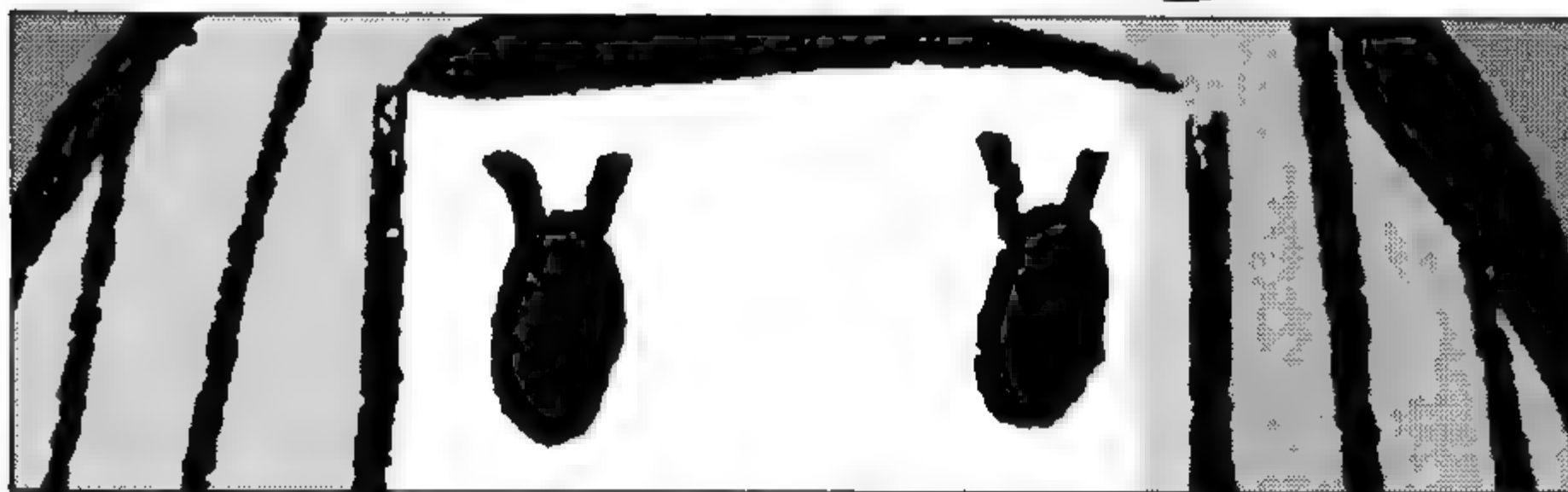
...Punpun
had
already
lost...

Actually...









ONODERA.

ONODERA.

It
was very
normal.

...didn't
involve being
the class serf
or having his
shoes hidden...

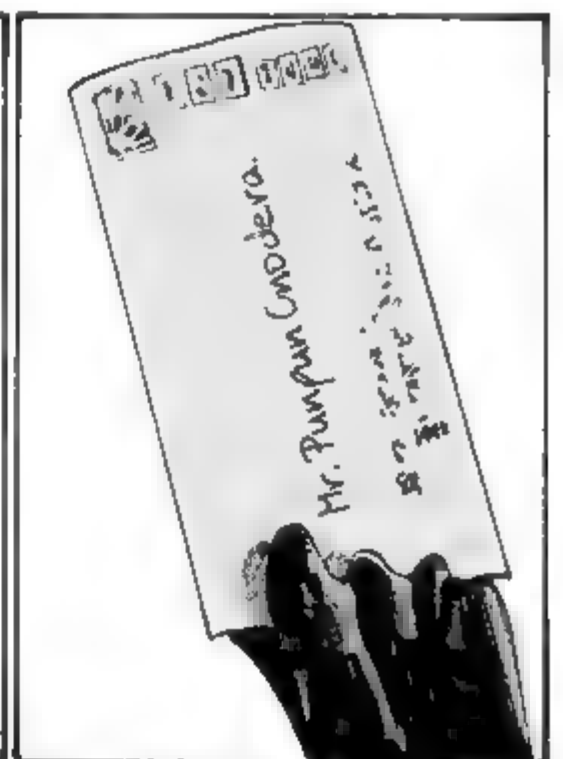
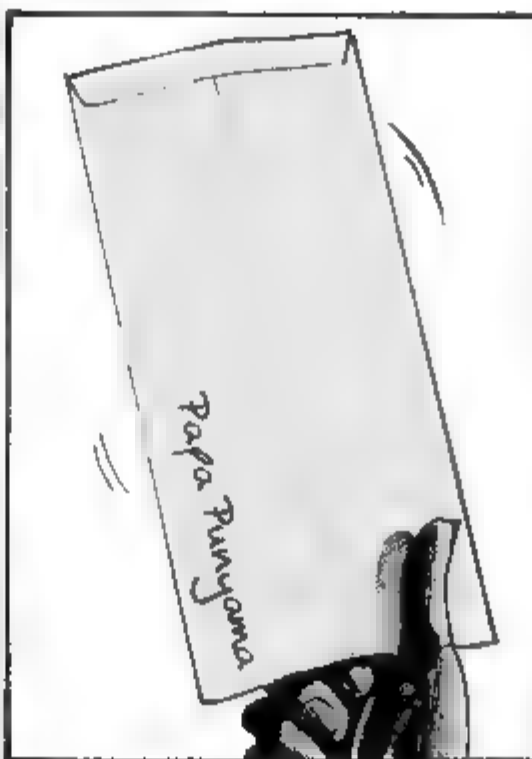
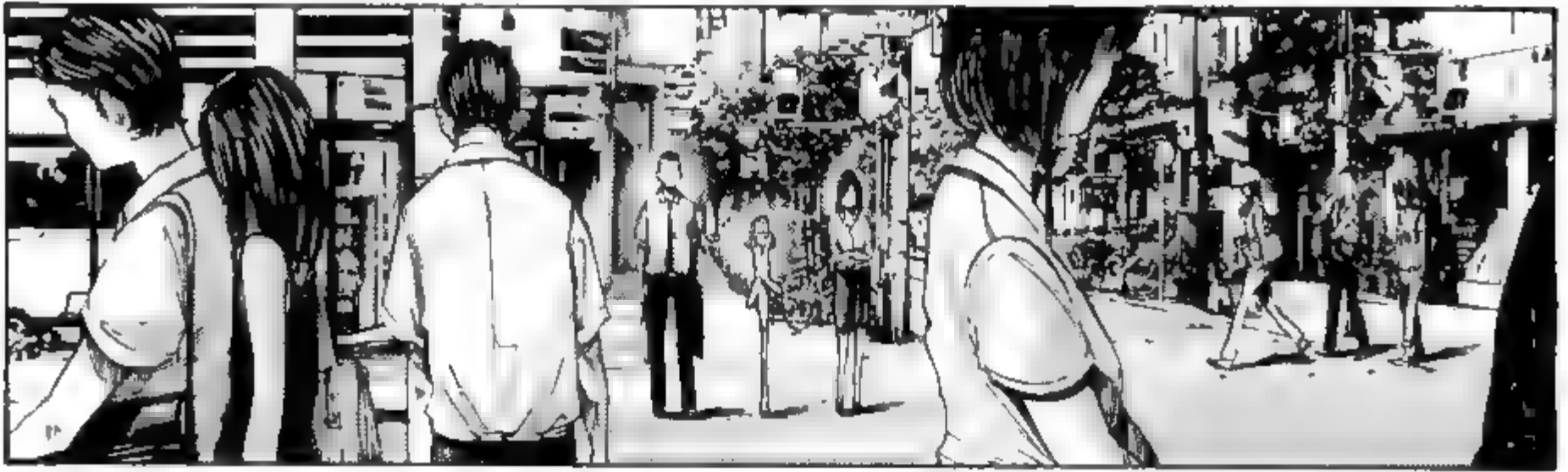
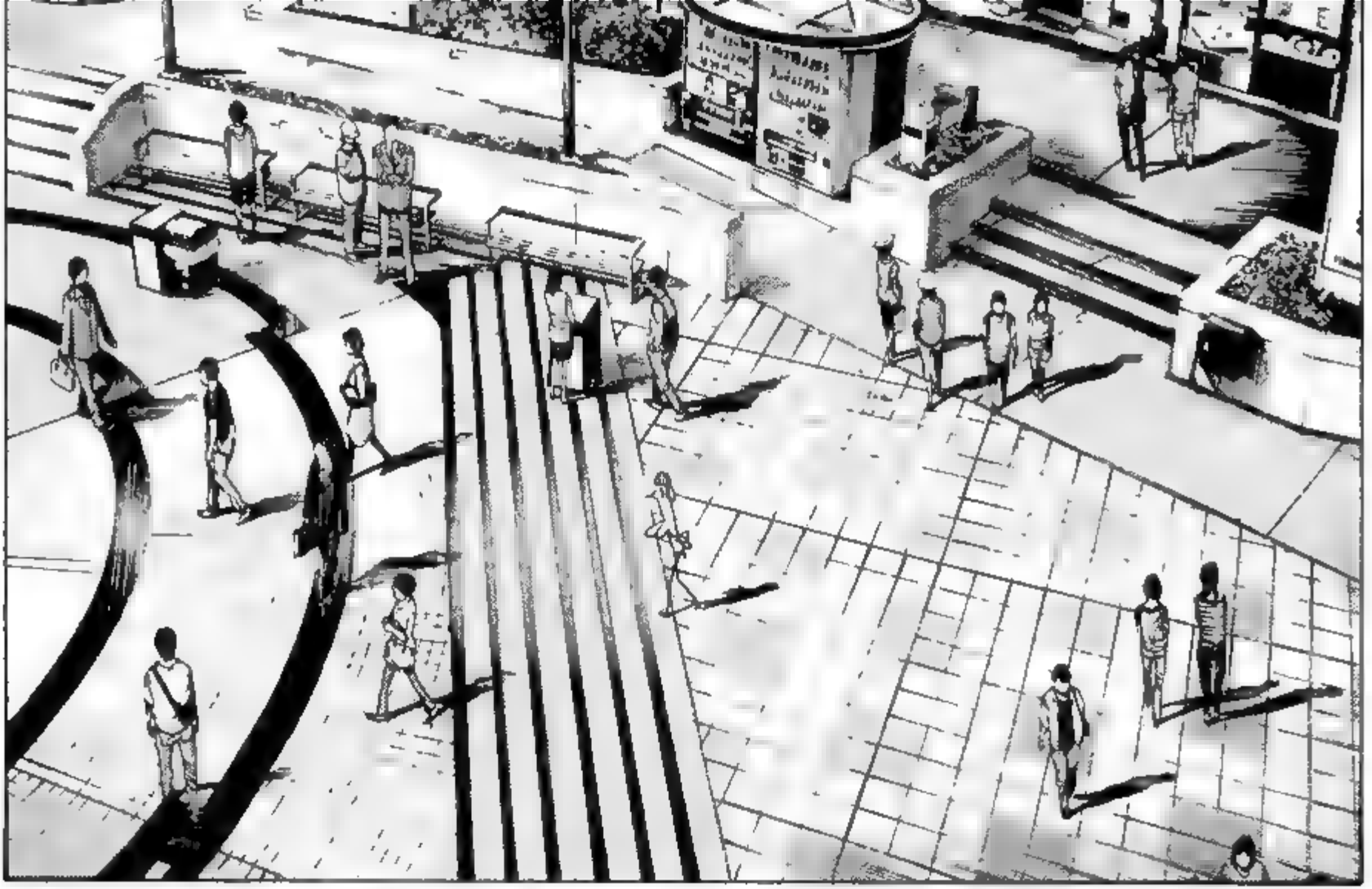
High
school for
Punpun...

WHERE'S
ONOTTI?

HE'S
PROBABLY
HIDING A
JUMP.

Possibly
she was
an angel
incarnate.

Kanie seemed
to have buried
deep in her
heart the savage
act Punpun had
perpetrated.





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Silver Fox
Agency

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It
was a
thought.

...than
Punpun
had given
life credit
for.

...living the
best they
could day
to day...

...there
were more
kind and
honest
people...

Maybe...



...like he
wanted to
apologize to
the whole
world.

...Punpun
felt...

Looking
at the
stupidly
blue sky...





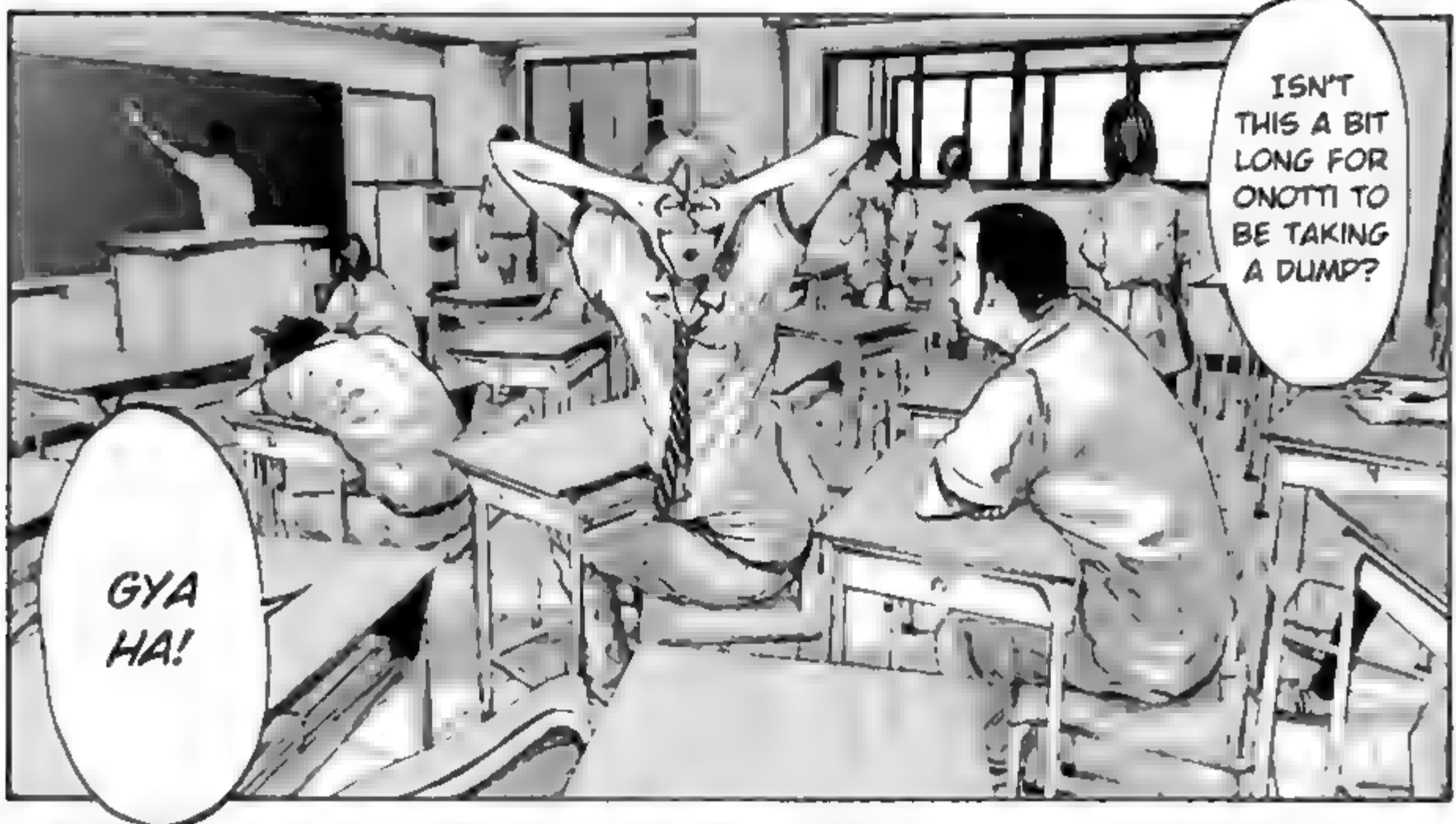
Punpun
understood
clearly...

...that
there was
no God.

...lying
around
without
purpose.

...a
stagnant,
rotten
soul...

There
was
only...



GYA
HA!

ISN'T
THIS A BIT
LONG FOR
ONOTTI TO
BE TAKING
A DUMP?

...Punpun
could do
now.

...then
there was
only one
thing...

...came
from
people's
hearts...

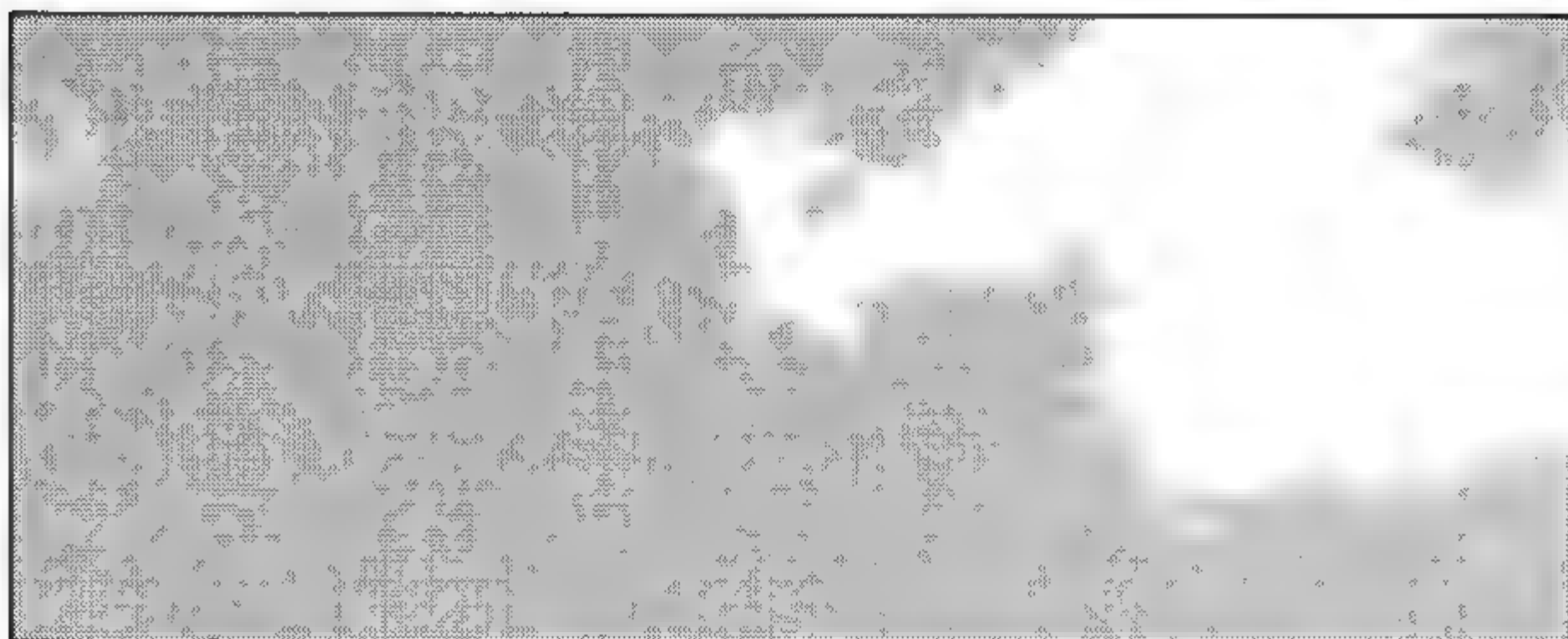
...good,
bad or
otherwise...

If
everything
in the
world...





"I'll never
fall in love
again."



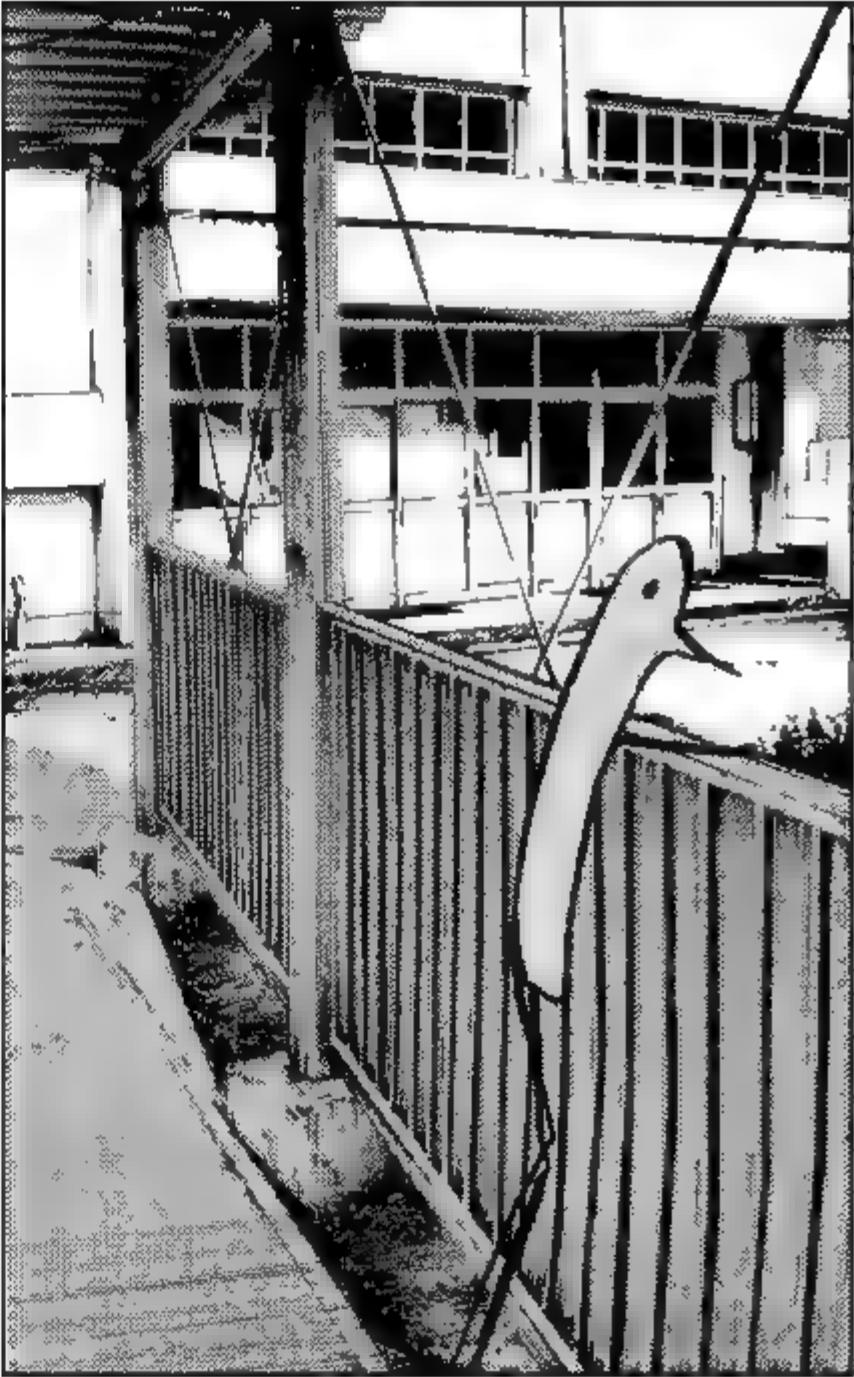
Goodnight,
Punpun.

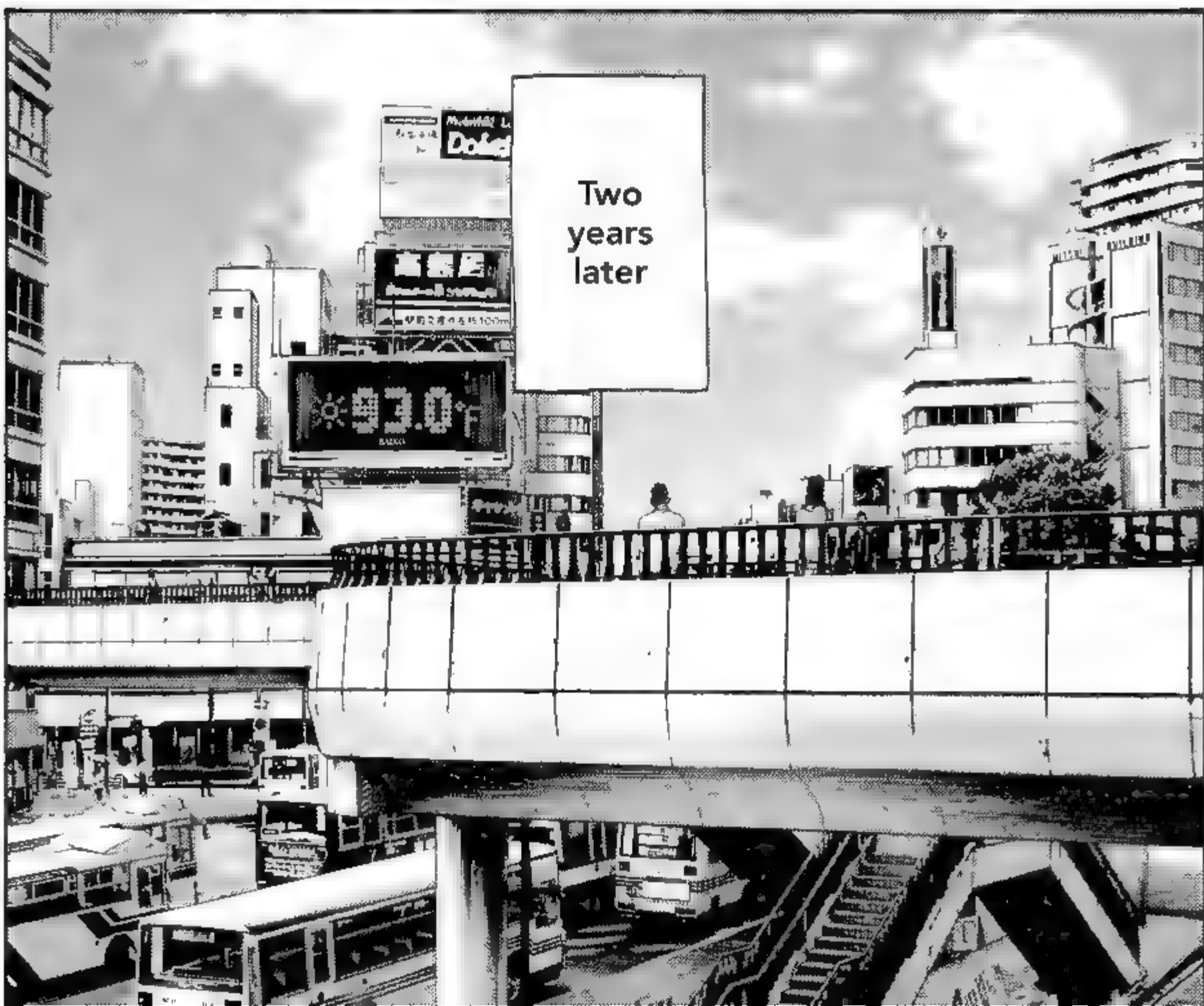
That's
enough
for
today.


...so he
softly
closed
his eyes.

The
warm winds
wrapping
around
him made
Punpun want
to cry...









ESPECIALLY
THE ONES WITH
THE ARROGANT
ATTITUDE, LIKE
THEY'RE NOT
GOING TO RELY
ON US YOUNG
PEOPLE TO TAKE
CARE OF THEM
SOON.

HONESTLY
...

IF ALL
THEY DO WITH
THEIR LIVES IS
WATCH TV AND
PLAY PACHINKO,
IT'S BETTER
ECOLOGICALLY
IF THEY
JUST DIE.

...I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
WHY THESE OLD
PEOPLE WHO'VE
FINISHED RAIS-
ING KIDS AND
AREN'T WORKING
ANYMORE ARE
STILL ALIVE.

SHUT UP,
STUPID.
SOMEONE
WILL HEAR.

YOU'LL
BE
FINE...


YOU'RE
A VERY
STRONG
WOMAN.

SO
THE TEST
RESULTS
ARE IN...

YOU'RE
THE BIG
SISTER...

...SO YOU
NEED TO
TAKE CARE
OF EVERY-
THING.






B.G.
BOOBS,
B.G.
BOOBS.



BOOBIES,
BOOBIES.




YOU
GOT IT,
YUICHI?




YOU DON'T
NEED ME.
YOU'LL BE
FINE BY
YOURSELF.




I
CAN TAKE
CARE OF
THIS
MYSELF.



DON'T
TELL DAD
AND MOM.



THE ONLY
THING YOU
CAN TRULY
BELIEVE IN
IS YOUR-
SELF.



AT THE
END OF
THE DAY,
THE ONLY
PERSON
YOU CAN
RELY ON IS
YOURSELF.



I
FEEL LIKE
I'LL GET
EVERYTHING
I'VE EVER
WANTED.

YOU
KNOW, I
DON'T WANT
TO BE THE
ONE TO SAY
IT...

...BUT
I DON'T
KNOW ANY-
ONE ELSE
WHO HAS
THE SELF-
CONFIDENCE
I DO.



YOU
CAN'T BE
PIGEON-
HOLED,
RIGHT,
BABY?

RIGHT?

YOU'RE
RIGHT. I
THINK YOU
MIGHT PULL
OFF SOME-
THING BIG
ONE DAY.



YEAH,
YEAH.

BUT I
FEEL LIKE A
VAGUELY SELF-
CONFIDENT
PERSON WHO
MIGHT JUST
END UP WITH
NOTHING.

YOU
HAVE
CANCER.



YOU
CAN'T
BE A
MOM!



SERIOUS-
LY, YOU'RE
GOING TO
MARRY
PUNYA-
MA?!



NNN,
NNN
...

...
WAAAH!

MRS.
PUNYAMA,
WE CAN
SEE YOUR
BABY'S
HEAD.

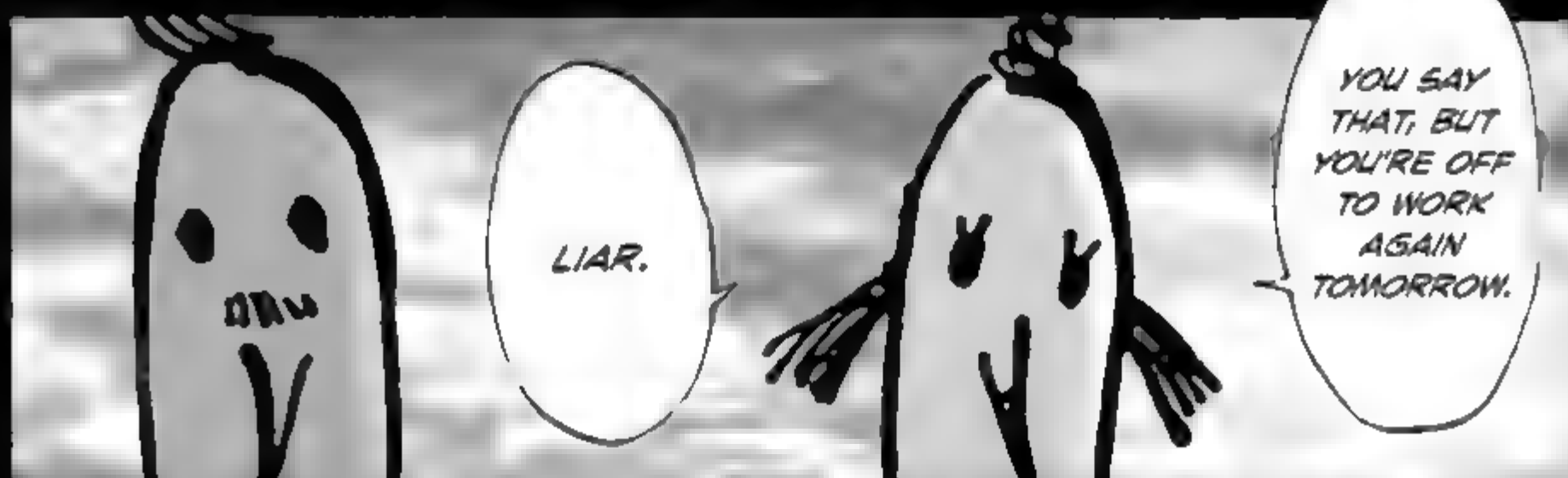


AAAHH!

...
PANT
PANT
...

OKAY,
HEE
HEE
HOO!







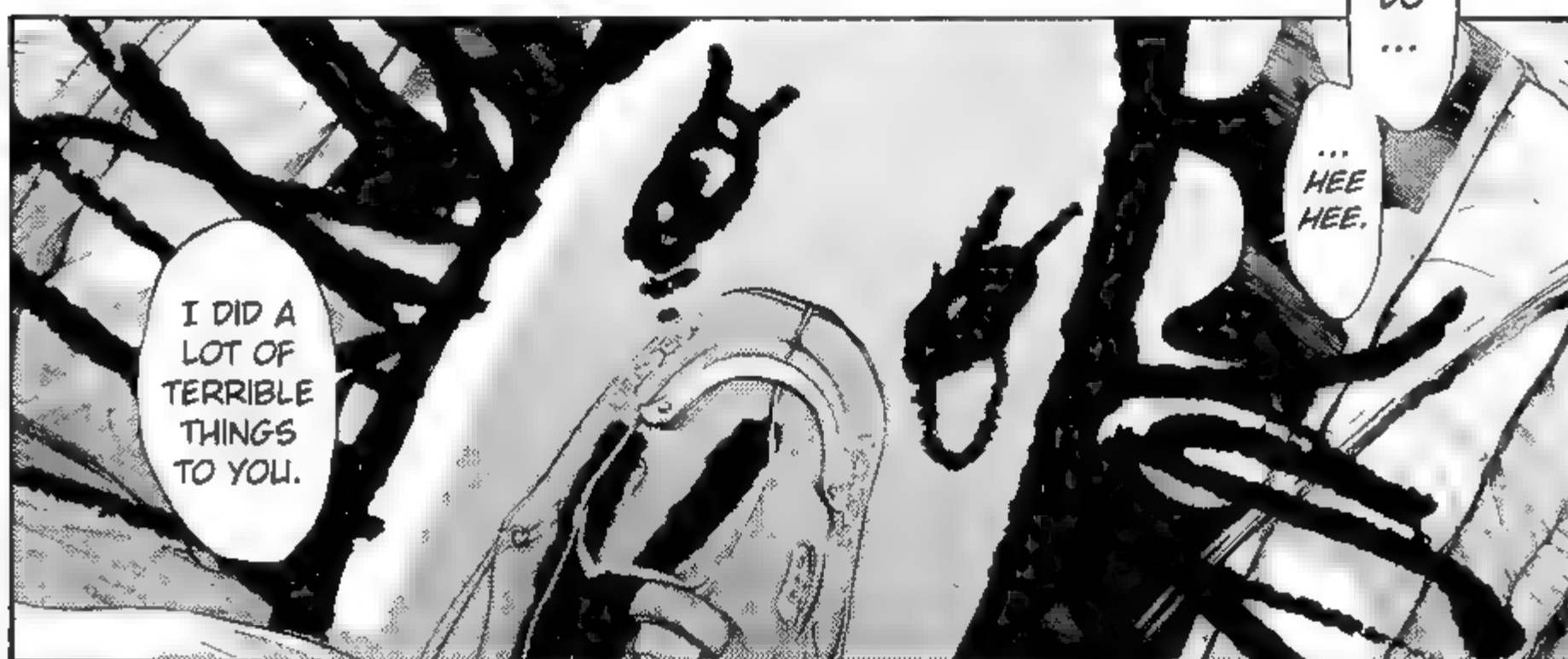


LOOK,
PUNPUN'S
HERE
TOO.

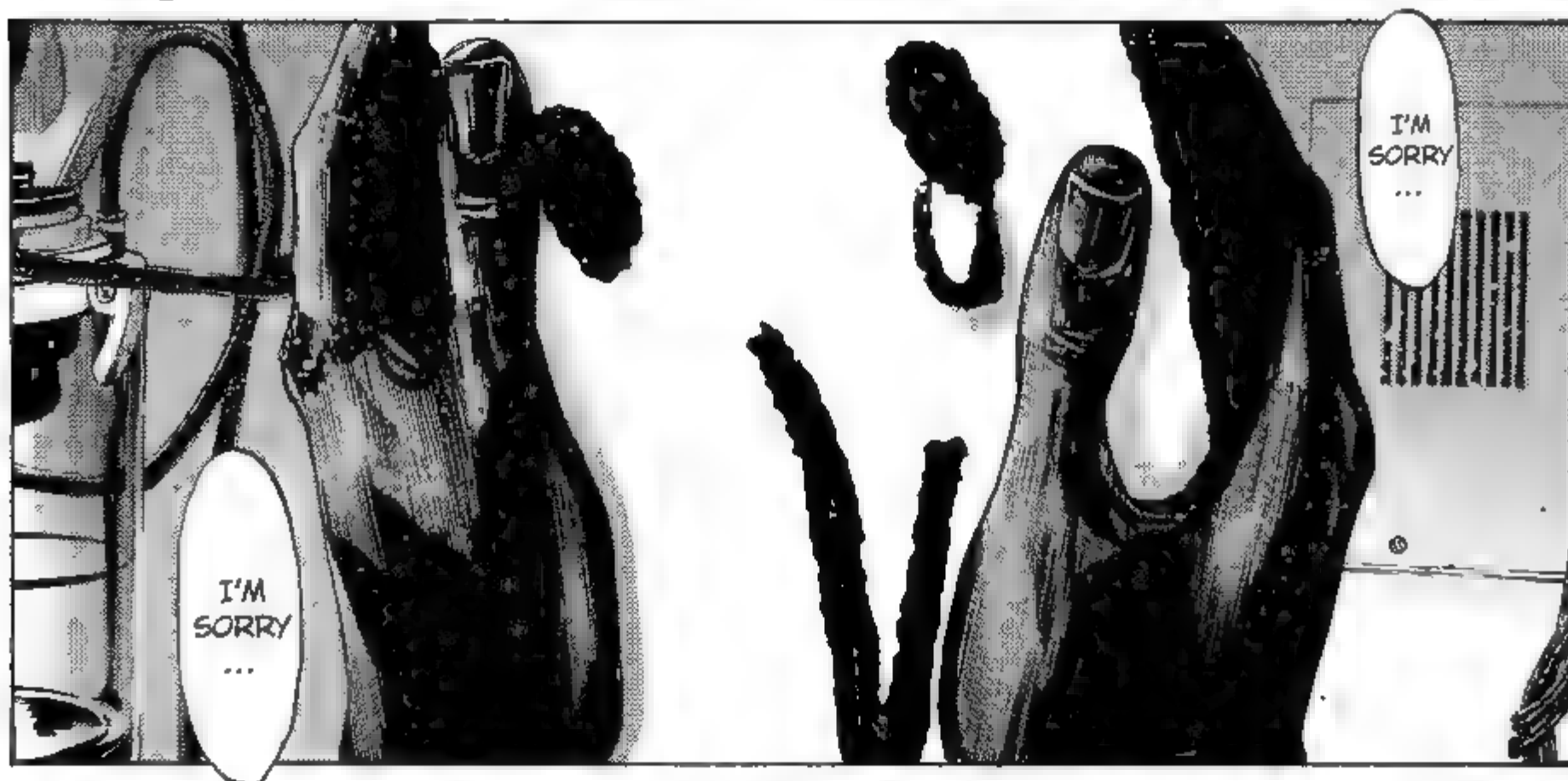


SIS...

CAN YOU
HEAR
ME? IT'S
MIDORI.







...I
LOVE
YOU
VERY
MUCH.

BUT
REALLY
...



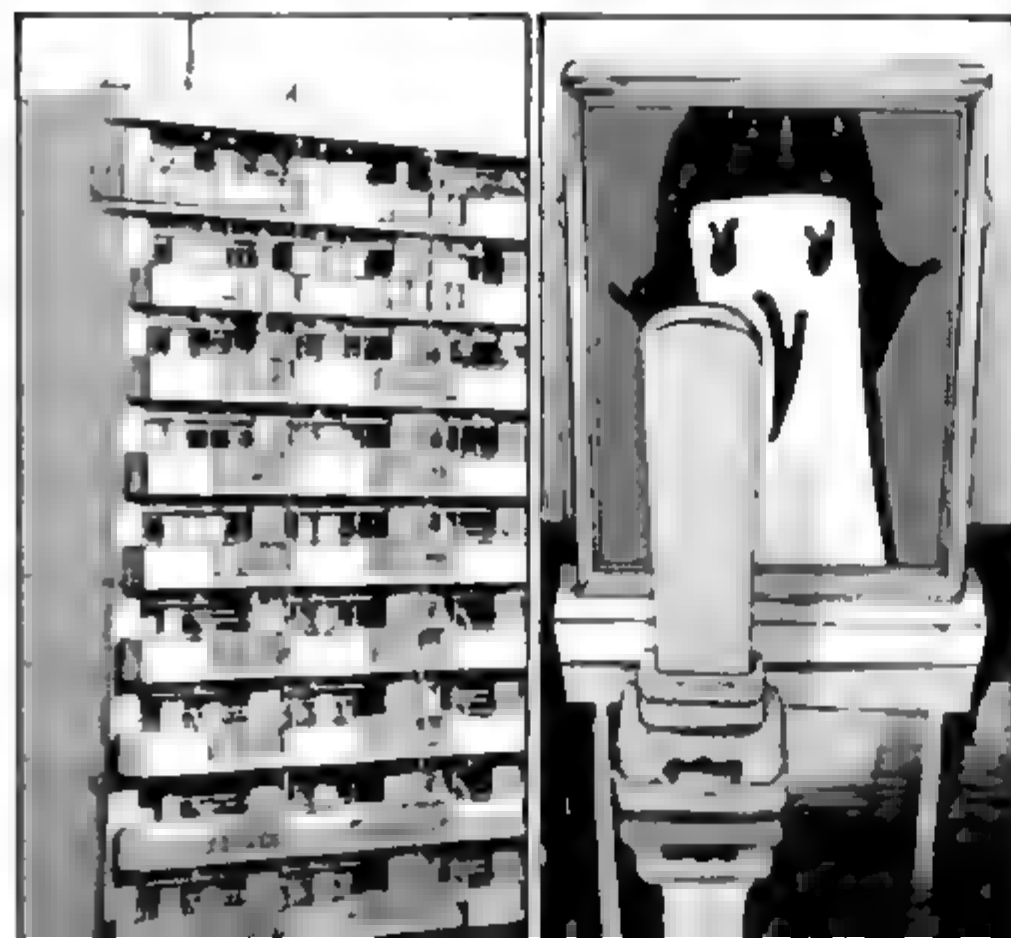
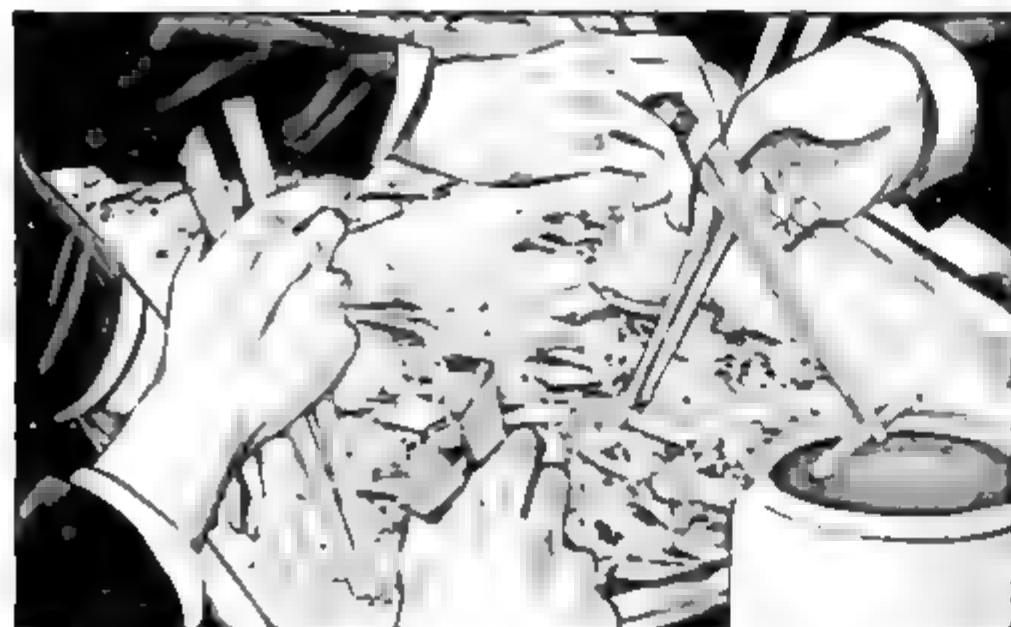
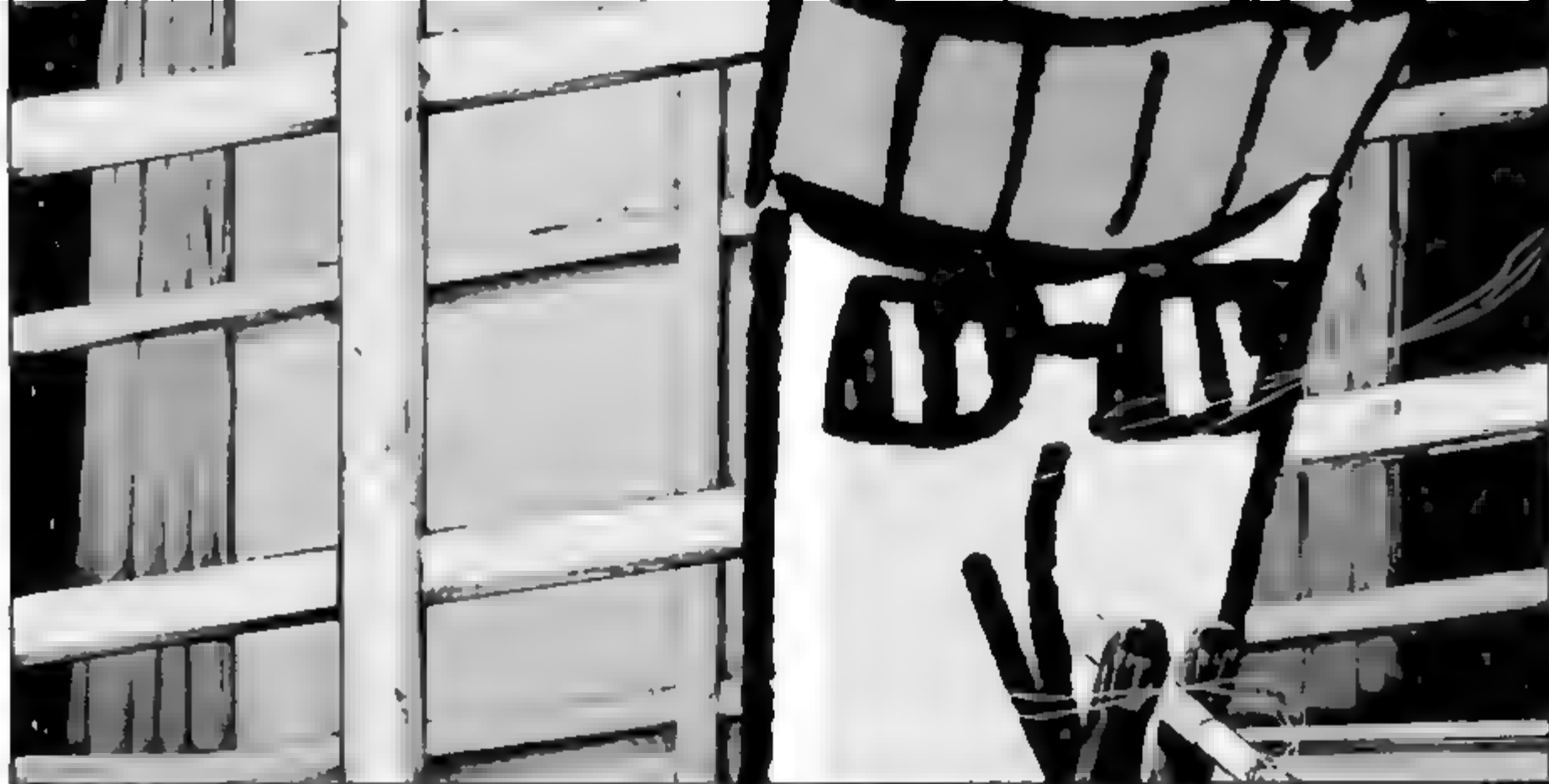


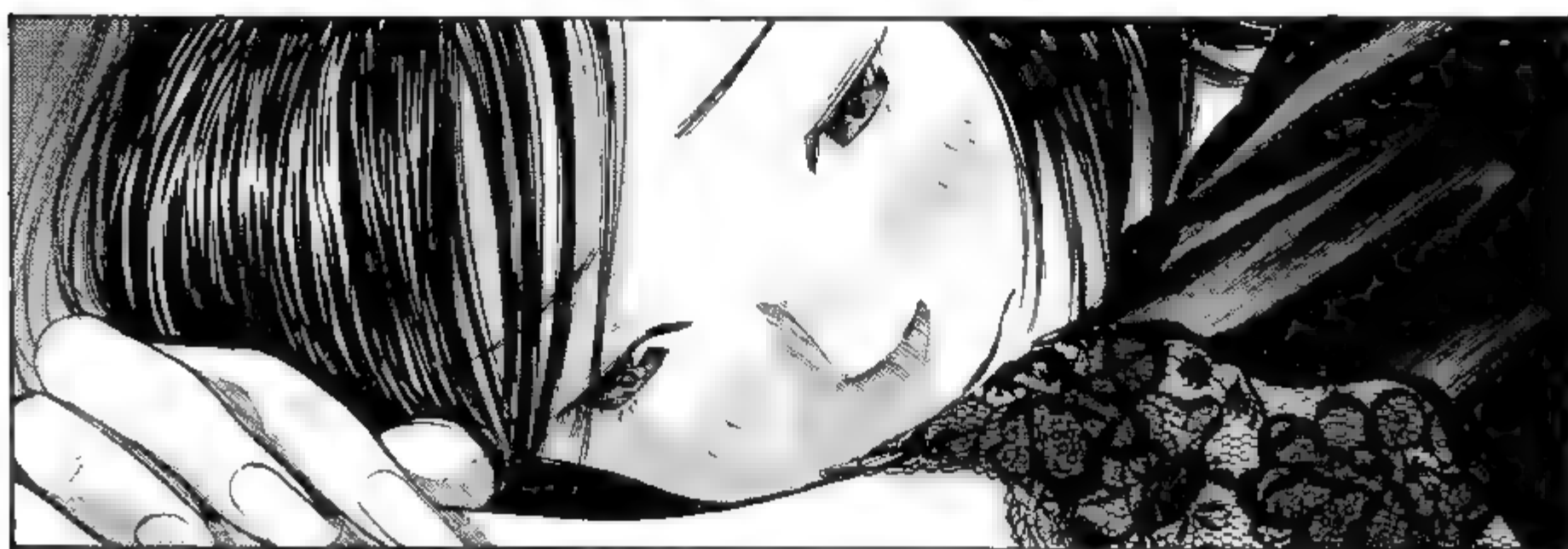
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...didn't love
his mother,
even at the
very end.

Punpun...





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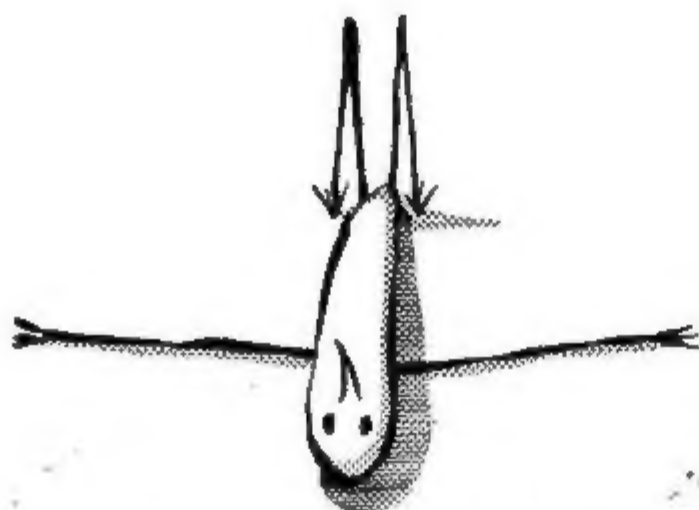
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